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THIS,
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MEMORIALS OF ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY,
CONTAINING SOME OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WORTHY ANCIENTS OF THAT PARISH IN SELECT VESTRY ASSEMBLED,

IS

Respectfully Enscribed to
THOMAS LUCAS, ESQ.,

AN OLD INHABITANT,
IN TOKEN OF ESTEEM,

BY HIS FRIEND,
THE COMPILER.

13, Thurlow Road, Rosslyn,
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June, 1882.



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MEMORIALS OF ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY.

PART III.

SOME OF THE ENTRIES IN THE LONG MEMORANDUM BOOK

PRESERVED IN THE STRONG ROOM, HACKNEY CHURCH.

HACKNEY.

Thys Boke maketh mention of the names of officers appointed by the lawes of the realme, as also for other things conserynyge the parrishe, beginnyng the xxvth daye of March, 1581.

Surveyors for y^e hyghe wayes.

Richard Snape.
John Chandler.

Surveyors for the poore.

John Chandler.
John Pecoke.
William Maxfielde.
John Shellye.

Collectors for ye poore.

Thomas Bennett.
John Street.
John Nycolles.
John ffletcher.

xiiij^o August, 1581.

Me.—That I, John Thomson, of Hackney, have received of Thomas Bennett, John Niccolles, John Fletcher and John Streete, collectors for the poore, the some of xxs. of lawfull mony of Englande for y^e bringing up of a childe of one Robert Moberyes, Deceased, and that I, y^e sayde John Thomson, do bynde myself to Discharge the pⁱshe of Hackney for the sayde some of xxs. for the kepinge and bringine up of y^e sayd childe, her name Elline Moberye, of the age aboute vi yeres Di. In witnes of the p^rmisses I have to this acquittance sett my hand this fyrst of Aprill, 1582. And it was agreed and consented by y^e pⁱshe that he, the sayd John Thomson, should have y^e government of the sayd child as his owne.

JOHN THOMSON'S marke.

Witnesses : IPOLYTO LYNNETT.

Witt. : JOHN LAWRENCE.

JOHN SHELLYE, &c.

Chosen by the hole Vestrey, this 29 of March, 1583.
Surveyors for y^e hygh waies :

ARTHUR KAY, Gent.

And THOMAS THOMSON.

Me.—That y^t is agreed by a Vestrey holden the xvijth Daie of Aprill, Anno Dni. 1590, in the presence of those whose names hereafter followe, that ys to saye, Mr. Hugh Johnson, vicar, Ipolyto Lynnett, Richard Snape, Robert Sweete, John Lawrence, George Webbe, Henry Giles, John Nicoleson, George Lynnett, Edwarde Marberys,

George Nicoles, Richard Holden, John Chandler, John Shellye, William Marwood, and Will^m. Butler. That in consideracon of th ffree discharge of servinge any office w^{thin} the pische of Hackney as Constable, Churchwarden, and sydesmen, and any other office that is in the Election of the pishioners to make choice of, and ffor that considera- tion, Mr. Thomas Audley doth geve unto the reperacon of the Church of Hackney the some of xls. of good and Lawfull money of England, as appereth in the accompte of John Nicolleson, Churchwarden.

(Signed) HUGH JOHNSON,
Vicar of Hackney; and others.

A note what hath byn laid out in recoveringe of the legacy geven by Mr. Mathew, of London, viz. :

In primis to a counsellur	-	-	-	-	xxs.
Item for y ^e engrossinge of a Booke that shalbe be- tweene Mr. Crowther and the pische for ye assurance	-	-	-	-	xs.
Item for y ^e charge of the Churchwardens in travel- linge about y ^e premisses	-	-	-	-	xs.
Item geven to John Whitletge, by the consent of S ^r Rowland Haywarde, Knight, for the dis- charge of a poore childe	-	-	-	-	xxs.
[Q. Elizabeth held her court and stayed at Hack- ney about 1587, and also in 1591, on her way to Theobalds (if not the same visit); on the former occasion she stayed in Sir Rowland Hayward's House; <i>i.e.</i> , Brooke House (King's Hold)].					
Item for makinge of a bonde (?) to binde Whitletch, and other charge	-	-	-	-	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item p ^d by John Tomson in p ^t paym ^t of a certaine byll of the plumber	-	-	-	-	xxs.

Me.—There is remayninge in^t the hande of John Tom-

son, late Churchwarden, the some of Six pounds eightene Shillinges and sixpence, the w^{ch} some was received by the sayde John Tomson in p^t of a legacy given by Mr. Mathew, of London.

Me.—That y^e ffirst daye of Aprill, Anno Dni. 1593, John Tomson deliv^d into the handes of John Shelley the some of Sixteene Poundes of good and lawfull money of England: w^{ch} some is to be emploied to the use of the poore of the pishe of Hackney, being geven by one Mr. Mathewe, of London, and received by the hande of y^e said John Shelley, the day and yere above said: and is to be repaide againe the second Daye of April, 1594, into the hande of Mr. John Mauchell, Esquire, and Mr. Hugh Johnson, vicar of Hackney, and y^e Churchwardens, and to be againe employed at their discretion.

This money abovesaid was paid in according to the order abovesaid by me, John Shellye.

In the presence of us here under written :

(Signed) HUGH JOHNSON.

JOHN LAWRENCE.

(The mark seems to be J. F.) JOHN FFINCHE, Churchwarden.

(Mark seems to be J. C.) JOHN CHAUNDLER, Churchwarden.

(Seems to have been repaid, as the entry is struck out by lines across it.)

Received a legacie from Mr. Haynes of xxx*li*. the xviiijth of february, A^o 1576. Given by Mr. Doctor Huett: and is laid forth as followeth :

In primis paid Mr. Haines for his charge goinge for ye forsaid Legacy and for an acquittance for y ^e same	-	-	iijs. iiijd.
Item deliv ^d y ^e forsaid Mr. Haines for the newe castinge and workemanshipp of the leade of the South Chauncell	-	iiij <i>li</i> .	iijs. viid.
Item paid ye goodman Sweete as appear- ethe by his bill	-	-	iiij <i>li</i> . iis. viij <i>d</i> .

Item to ye goodman Mason for charge for quite rent as appeareth by bill	-	xiijs.	vd.
Item to the Churchwardens of Hackney for the settinge forth of men to muster			
ut patet	-	xxs.	
Item to ye plummer Leechfeild, as appeareth by bill	- -	ii <i>li</i> .	ijs.
Item more to y ^e said Plumer for the worke leade sowder	- -	3 <i>li</i> .	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to ye goodman Frauncis	-	xvs.	vii <i>d</i> .
Item to Lewes for kepinge of a childe	-	xls.	
Item paid Mr. Lawrence for Tyse (?)	-	xxs.	
Item paid for gravelinge y ^e heighwaies between Hackney and Shordiche	-	xlvs.	
Item to goodwife Beswicke	- -	iijs.	iiij <i>d</i> .

The vith of July, 1605.

This daie, at a generall Vestrey, it was alleged by the Dryvers of the Comōns that Thomas Sweete, of Hackney, hath entered uppon the Comōn fylde called London ffylde, wth his Cattell, viz., all the hey beinge cutt and carryed awaie he hath kept his Cattell uppon his owen grounde, mynding to feede the same untyll Lamās, and soe to tak away the Comōn before Lamas. Whereuppon the Dryvers have impounded his Cattell, and so hath replevyed them from the Grasse (?), wherby the tytle of the Comōn from the tyme that the hey is gone untyll Lamās is in question, soe nowe it is agreed that it is the Auncient Custome that noe man can feed his grounde after his grass and hey is gone untyll Lamās, but that the after pasture must wholly remaine for the benyfit of the pish untyll Lamās for all such as haue Interest to Comōn, and this wee wyll mayntayne wth our pursses against him and all others. According to o^r auncient Custome, and the lyke for all the comōnes in the ffylde.

(This man seems to have rented London field or had a lease of it from the parish. He must, however, leave the after grass for those who come in at Lammas.)

In the list of those living at Hummerton in 1605 are :

The Right Ho. Lord Zouch.*

Item The Ho. Lord Riche (an ancestor of the Earls of Warwick.)

Item The Ho. Lo. Cromwell.

Item Sir John Lughton.

Sir William Hynde.

S^r Marmaduke Wyvyll.

S^r James Deane.

S^r Edw^d Holmden.

S^r Thomas Lughton.

John Shelley.

In Clapton are :

The Right Ho. the Countesse of Oxen (Oxford) (Brook House).†

Sir Francis Barrington.

Sir Edward Stanlye, or Standlye.

In Newington, Sha. Kings., and Darlstone :

Sir Henry Roe.

Mr. Whittmoore (of Baums).

Mr. Richard Hallylee.

Landholders dwelling out of th pish :

Imprimis Mr. Moore, of Newington, for

(illegible) acres - - - - vs.

Item Mr. Turphett, of Newington, for xvijj

acres - - - - vis.

* A great amateur in gardening. He was fond of botany and had a physic-garden.

† She aliened Brooke House to Fulk Greville.

Item John Waterworke, of Islington, xv ^{en} acres	vs.	
Item Mr. Woodhouse, of Islington - -	xxiijs.	xd.
Item John George, of Hogdesden, xij acres and a halfe - - - -	iiis.	ijd.
Item John Noble, of Hogdesden, for x acres	iiis.	ijjd.
Item of Thomas George, of Hodysden, for 4 ^{or} acres - - - -	vs.	xid.
Item of Mr. Paynton, of Hogdesden, for x acres - - - -		xxd.
Item of Richard Gallant, of Sorditz, for xxxv acres - - - -	viiiis.	
Item of Mr. Kirkland, of Norton Folgate, iiij ^{or} acres - - - -		xvid.
Item of Mr. Eyre, of Bishopsgate Streete, xi acres - - - -	iiis.	viiiid.
Item of Mr. Pinder, of the same streete, xv ^{en} acres - - - -	vs.	
Item Mr. Mooreton, of the same streete, xix ^{en} acres - - - -	vis.	iiijd.
Item Mr. Walker, of the same streete, on hundred acres - - - -	xxxijs.	iiid.
Item John Swete, of the Maidenhedd, for xxxv acres - - - -	vis.	viiiid.
Item Mr. Bolton, of Ladd Lane, for xxvij acres - - - -	ixs.	iiijd.
Item of Mr. Norton, of Bassinghaule, on acre		iiijd.
Item of Mr. Adryan, of Estcheepe, two acres		vijjd.
Item of Mr. Wynter, of Whitefryers, five acres	iis.	
Item of Mr. Pate, of Myle end, xvij acres -	vs.	
Item of Mr. Gooffe, of Mile end, acres -	vs.	
Item of Mr. Hogg, of Myle end, xvii acres and a di - - - -	ijs.	vid.
Item Mr. Thomas Jones, of Ratcliffe, fyfthe acres - - - -	xvis.	vijjd.
Item Mr. Menzees, of Stepney, on acre et dy.	vis.	
Item Mr. Garland, xi acres - - - -	ijs.	

Item Mr. Lambert, of Boo, j acre	-	-	iii	d.
Item Mr. Moore, of Loughton, two acres and a halfe	-	-	-	xd.
Item Sir Michael Hikes,* of Ruckolls, ij acres et di.	-	-	-	xd.
Item Richard Garnett, of Ruckolls, ij acres et Di.	-	-	-	xd.

* Ruckholt=Rookwood. Henry VII. granted to Sir John Rysley—at whose death Compton, from whom the Northampton peerage descended, became the possessor—Compton sold the estate to Parrish, whose widow inherited. She married Sir W. Hicks, the secretary to Lord Burleigh, in whose family it remained until 1720, when it was sold to the trustees of Knight, of the South Sea Company, who resold it to Tylney's widow, and she added it to the acquisitions of the Tylney-Long family. Sir M. Hicks, the second inheritor, suffered great trouble on account of his loyalty to Charles I. His son William received knighthood from the second Charles at Ruckholt, when his majesty hunted in Waltham Forest, and became baronet on his father's demise.

From being a reputed royal residence in Elizabeth's reign, it decayed, and in 1742 we read of an enterprising "public caterer," one William Barton, inviting the public to pay him patronising visits to public breakfasts, weekly concerts, and occasional oratorios; besides which it had a kind of Rosherville fame in an ode:

"TO DELIA

"Delia, in whose form we trace
All that can a virgin grace;
Hark! when pleasure, blithe as May,
Bids us to Ruckholt haste away—
Verdant vistas, melting sounds,
Magic echoes, fairy rounds;
Beauties everywhere surprise.
Sure that spot dropped from the skies."

The sky-dropped spot ceased to attract in four years, and in 1757 the house disappeared. No one would imagine this history from its present appearance.—
"Suburban Homes of London."

Those who perambulate Hackney Marshes may find the site (or nearly) of Ruckolls by going to Temple Mills, and after passing the White Hart, continuing along the mill stream a little way towards Leyton. The road turns to the right when it leaves the stream, and crosses the railway. Those who go to Leyton turn to the left, and in the further angle is Ruckolls (as we believe it is still called), with considerable farm-buildings on the other side of the road or lane. The original Ruckholt house was pulled down about the year 1757. Lysons says it stood about a mile south of Leyton church, but we think it can only have been half a mile. Even in its present state, the rising ground shows a site of great capabilities.

The whole statement comes to - xxxviiij*li.* xiiijs. vjd.
 Summ have Gathered allreadye - xxxiv*li.* xis. jd.

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(Among those remaining uncollected is Sir Michael Hyckes.)

The following are some of the Items of the account rendered by

Frauncis Maulkin and John Catcher,* } A^o 1608.
 Churchwardens of the pish of Hack. - - }

A note of such payments of moneye as hath been paide out of the same money gathered towards the repa^ons of the Church both in travaylinge to gather the same, and allsoe for workmanship, as hereafter will appeare.

[Many of the Items being for travelling expenses and reiterated in the same words, are here omitted.]

Imprimis the xiiij daie of Maye, spent in travay-
 linge to London, my ptner & my selfe - iis.
 Item the 15 and 16th dayes of May, John Allen
 goinge about w^t us, and for his paynes - iis. vid.
 Item to George Smith upon his bill ut patet by
 the Churchwardens' hande - - xvijjs.
 Item to John Argoll by byll - - - xxiijs. xid.
 Item pd. Goodman Gilbert as appeareth by byll xxxs.
 Item received by John Lawrence the xxith of
 January, 1592, for and towards the dis-
 charge of two indictments against the
 towneshipp of Hackney - - - xxs.
 S^m tot^l is - - - xxx*li.* xiiijs. iiij*d.*
 And so remayneth due to Mr. Mauchell hereupon xiiijs. iiij*d.*

(Signed) HUGH JOHNSON. ARTHUR KAY.
 RICHARD SNAPE, &c.

vith of May, 1593.

£30 14 4

* See Notes.

Me.—That Roger Harrison, of the pishē of Hackney, in the County of Midd., Smith : hath wth the assent and Consent of the pisho^{rs} of Hackney afforesaid, receaved into his Custodye to kepe, and also to discharge the said pisho^{rs}, in & concerning the keping and bringing up of Will^m Naylor, the sonne of Nicholas Naylor, of Hackney aforesaide : And the said Roger hath receaved in Consideraçon thereof the some of fforty shillinge of Lawfull money of Englande : w^{ch} money came by the guifte of Mr. Whitmore, of London : In testimonie hereof the said Roger hath hereunto set his hande the xvith of ffebruary, A^o 1593. A^o D^{na} ma Elizabeth Reyne the Tricessimo Sexto.

The mark of (R) ROGER HARRISON.

In the presence of us.

(Signed)	HUGH JOHNSON.	JOHN LAWRENCE.
	JOHN SHELLYE.	EDWARD CATCHER.
	JOHN SWEETE.	CPOPHER VALENTINE.
	JOHN (†M)	MASON'S mar.
	WILLIAM (∩)	BUTTLER'S marke.

Me.—That it was agreed the xijth Daye of September, 1596. At a Vestrey held on the same daye, John ffletcher and Hugh White being then Churchwardens : that ffrom thes same daye fforward, none shall be chosen Churchwardens, but that he and they shall put in securitye ffor the parish and Church goods according to the quantyte thereof, and that these two men shall newe beginn the said order, and the same to contynue hereafter.

In witness whereof we have here set our handes, viz. :

	(Signed)	HUGH JOHNSON, Vicar.
JOHN FLETCHER } Church-		EDMD. HAGAN (? HUGGON).
HUGH WHITE } wardens.		JOHN BLOUNT.
Both by their marks.		EDWARD KYMPTON.
		RICHARD HALYLIE.
		JOHN LAWRENCE.
		RICHARD SNAPE, &c.

Me.—That the xijth daye of September wthin written, also yt was agreed that John Lawrence and Richard Snape shalbe the Collectors : for such money as ys assessed towards all such Reparation of y^e church : and so see it layde out wth the Churchwardens so spedely as need shall require, And assented hereunto by those whose names are one the other syde written, and ffor the Sessment hereof we appoint as Sessers :

Mr. Hugh Johnson, Vicar.	Richard Hallyley.
Mr. Edmund Huggon.	Richard Snape.
John Blount.	Lawrence Goorde.
John Lawrence.	

Be yt knowen that Hugh White, warden, hath Received the xxivth of Aprill, 1597, of Richard Snape and John Lawrence the some of ffoure pounds, the w^{ch} is a Remnant of a Collection y^t was made in ye pishe, ffor the castinge of the ffourth Bell : and ys deliverd unto the said Hugh White in the psence of those w^{ch} be hereunder named (illegible), they have delivd to the said Hugh White.

The (T) mke of HUGH WHITE, &c.

1st Maye,
1597. *Mem.* that there was received of the Lorde Zouche's benevolence: geven to the poore of Hackney the some of thirtie shillings. Due for thes monthe last past before the date hereof, whereof there doth rest to paie fyve shillings.

This indenture witnesseth : that Willm Baylie : beinge one of the poore infants to be provided for in the pishe of Hackney : by the Statute in that case late made and provided : hath with the assente of Mr. Richard Chandler, Esquire, and Mr. Thomas Fowler, Esquire, Justices of the Peace, with the consent also of the Churchwardens and ov'seers of the same parish ; viz., Richard Frauncis, John

Sweet, Richard Halliley, Richard Schnape, and John Lawrence, in and concerning the well orderinge and provision of the poore, hath put him (illegible) apprentice: wth Richard Seale, of this p^{is}he of Hackney, in the Countye of Mdd., Embroderer ffor the terme of fourteene years next: followinge the daie of the date of these presents. And that Whereas the said Richard Seale the daie of the date hereof hath received and had of the Churchwardens and overseers of Hackney p^{is}he: the some of ffyfte shillinges of good and lawfull money of England, whereof the said Richard acknowledgeth the receipt hereof by these presents: And so the said Richard Seale, John Cooke, of the p^{is}he of Stepney in ye saide County of Midd., silkweaver, James Potts, of London, ffruterer, and Jeffrey Welshe, also ffruterer, of London, and late of the p^{is}he of St. Mary, Somerset (?), they and every of them for the Confederacon after said do well & trulie promise by these p^{re}sents well and faithfullie to dischargd & to save from Chardge, the said Churchwarden and the overseers now for the tyme beinge: And also their Successors hereafter following, and the whole p^{is}he of Hackney: in and concerning the keping and bringing up of the said [illegible—*orphan* ?] Baylie during the whole terme of xiiijteen years, and also to teach him willingly the art & busnesse. In witness whereof the pties affor said have hereunto sett their handes the xvith Daie of July, 1598.

RICHARD SEALE.

Ye (x) marke of JOHN COOKE.

JAMES ROTGH.

JEFFREY (†) WELSHE.

Assessment ffor a Stocke ffor the House of correction: being the somme of vii*li*. xiijs. iii*d*., made and rated the xxixth of June, A 1602, according to a precepte to y^t effecte directed from the Heigh Constable, Dated y^e 20 of June, A^o [same year, no doubt, but illegible].

The nobilitie and knights :

The right hono^r Earle of Oxenford.
 The right honorable Lo. Zouch.
 The right wor. S^r Thomas Leighton.
 The right wor. S^r John Porton, knight.

Citizens of London :

Henry Roo, Alderman	-	-	-	ijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Edward Holmeden, Al.	-	-	-	ijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Roger Clarke, Al.	-	-	-	ijs.	
Jeames Deane, merch ^t	-	-	-	ijs.	
Will ^{me} Barrondall	-	-	-		xx <i>d.</i>

Amongst others are :

Margaret Audley	-	-	-	iijs.	
Myles Pressewke	-	-	-		xvii <i>d.</i>
Richard Halleley	-	-	-	ijs.	vj <i>d.</i>
Richard Rooe	-	-	-		vii <i>d.</i>

&c.

In Feby., 1605, ffrauncis Collum, or Collumbe, was Vestry Clarke.

Monye that was given by the La. of Oxford the 18th daye of Julye, 1604, distributed as followethe :

Imprimis to Morris Howell	-	-	-	vs.	
Item to Tyffeny	-	-	-	ijs.	vj <i>d.</i>

(So the money given seems to have amounted to 7*s.* 6*d.*)

Mr. Bartholomew Smyth was chosen Churchwarden the seaventh daye of April, 1607, by the consent of a vestrye holden the same daie in the psence of those whose names are underwritten.

(Signed first by He. Thoresby, being the earliest signature we have seen of his, next by Hugh Johnson, vicar, &c., &c.)

Memorand that the xx*li*. w^{ch} was delivered into the hande of Mr. Banister by Vestrye holden the xxvith daye of October, 1606, was redelivered backe agayne unto the hande of Mr. Hughe Johnson, Mr. Bartholomew Smyth, gent., and Miles Presswicke, Churchwardens, wth other the pishoners, uppon the sixt daye of January; and then it was agreed uppon the vesstrye holden the ffirst daye of January, A^o 1608, by those whose names are underwritten y^t was agreede: that Richard Rooe, uppon good securitye, should have the said some of xx*li*., w^{ch} hee hath [illegible], as by his bond will appeare, w^{ch} bond was taken to the p^{ste} of Mr. Hughe Johnson, Mr. Bartholomew Smyth, and Myles Presswicke, Uppon the securitye of the s^d Richard Roo, Will^m Greene and Nicholas Millard.

(Sd) BARTHO. SMYTHE.

The marke of MYLES (R) PRESSWICKE.

(Other names are written.)

A true Account of such monnye as hath been received towards the reparaçons of the Church by ffraunces Maulkyn and John Catcher, Churchwardens of the pish of Hackney, 1605.

Church Strete.

Imprimis of Mr. Nichollson	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Kempton	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Bartelmewe Smythe	-	-	-	vs.
Item of ffrauncis Maulkyn	-	-	-	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item of Richard Knevytt	-	-	-	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item of Will ^m Greene	-	-	-	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item of Mr. Hollford	-	-	-	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item of Augustyne Kollam	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Nicholas Millar	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Raphe Bell	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Robert fuller	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Henry Meekym	-	-	-	ijs.

Item of Thomas Burrell	-	-	-	xvjd.
Item of Paule Ellyott	-	-	-	xvjd.
Item of ffrauncis ffeild	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Richard Geemolwaye	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Thomas Smythson	-	-	-	viijd.
Item of Edward Golland	-	-	-	viijd.
Item of Richard Goodinge	-	-	-	vjd.
Item of George Moorehenn	-	-	-	xjd.
Item of Edward Podwell	-	-	-	xjd.
Item of Thomas Wildgoose	-	-	-	xjd.
Item of Thomas Leigh	-	-	-	vjd.
Item of John Whytworth	-	-	-	vjd.
Item of Thomas Armestronge	-	-	-	vjd.
Item of Richard Chalvorthe	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of William Austen	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Walter Addys	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Will ^m Lunn	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Henrye Tyffynye	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Symon Balls	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Comfort,* the Butcher	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Thomas Frydaye	-	-	-	xviijd.
Item of George Brooker	-	-	-	iiijd.

Sume, lxs. iiijd.

Mayre Streete.

Imprimis of the Ladye Harbert, receaved by

George Willson	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Huggn	-	-	-	- xiijs. iiijd.
Item of Mr. Will ^m Burd	-	-	-	- xiijs. iiijd.
Item of Mr. Boagdler	-	-	-	- viijs.
Item of Mr. Dequtscher (or Dequester)†	-	-	-	- viijs.
Item of Mr. Thomas Catcher	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Thomas Nicholls	-	-	-	- iiijs.
Item of Mr. John Nicholls	-	-	-	- iijs.

* Until very recently (if not still) there was a Comfort, a butcher, in Mare Street.

† See Notes.

Item of Mr. John Price	-	-	-	iiijs.
Item of Mr. Richard Haynes	-	-	-	iis.viijd.
Item of Mr. Nicholas Burton	-	-	-	ijs.viijd.
Item of Mr. Anthonye Barnes	-	-	-	ijs.viijd.
Item of Mr. Thomas Sweete	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. John Streete	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. Estfeild	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. Robart Maxfeild	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. George Munn	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. George Celyn	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. William Moore	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. Richard Willington	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. Roger Harrison	-	-	-	viijd.
Item of Mr. Isacke Marshall	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Mr. Will ^m Woodfyne	-	-	-	iiijd.

Some, 3*li*. 15*s*.

Well strete and Groue strete.

Imprimis of Mr. Cordall	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Goore	-	-	-	-viijs.
Item of Mr. Rayston	-	-	-	-iiijs.
Item of Mr. Richardson	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. Christopher Valentyne	-	-	-	ijs.viijd.
Item of Mr. Myles presswicke	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. John Hall	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. Richard Smyth	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. John ffinche	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. John Rossell	-	-	-	iiijd.
Item of Mr. Benedicke Haynes	-	-	-	xvs.
Item of Mr. Robynson	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Swayne	-	-	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Peirce	-	-	-	ijs. iiijd.
Item of Mr. Phipps	-	-	-	ijs. viijd.
Item of Mr. Richard ffraunce	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Mr. John Allen	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Mr. John Aulden	-	-	-	viijd.

Item of Mr. Steven Sandstone (or Sandwich)	-	-	-	<i>vid.</i>
Item of Mr. Robert Kerrye	-	-	-	<i>vid.</i>
Item of Mr. Richard Hill	-	-	-	<i>vid.</i>
Item of Mr. John Ballard	-	-	-	<i>vid.</i>
Item of Mr. John Thornton	-	-	-	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item of Mr. Hudson	-	-	<i>xs., rec. vis.</i>	<i>viijd.</i>
Sum, £4 7s. 8d.				

Hummerton.

Imprimis The Right Ho. Lord Zouche	-	-	}	No amounts filled in.
Item The Ho. Lo. Riche	-	-		
Item the Ho. Lo. Cromwell	-	-		
Item Sir John Paughton	-	-		
Item S ^r Will ^m Hynde, rec. by George Willson	-	-	-	<i>xs.</i>
Item of S ^r Marmaduke Wyvyld	-	-	-	<i>xs.</i>
Item of Sir James Deane	-	-	-	<i>-xiijs. iiijd.</i>
Item of Sir Edward Holmeden	-	-	-	<i>xs.</i>
Item of S ^r Thomas Laighton	-	-	-	<i>-xiijs. iiijd.</i>
Item of Mr. Roger Clarke	-	-	-	<i>xs.</i>
Item of Mr. Thursbye (Thoresby)	-	-	-	<i>-viijs.</i>
Item of Mr. Thomas Hewes	-	-	-	<i>-viijs.</i>
Item of John Shellye tholder (viz., senior)	-	-	-	<i>-iiijs. 8d. sic</i>
Item of Mr. Humprey Smythe	-	-	-	<i>vs.</i>
Item Edward Burd	-	-	-	<i>- ijs. iiijd.</i>
Item of Thomas Lawrance	-	-	-	<i>vs.</i>
Item of Will ^m Twanbrooke	-	-	-	<i>- ijs. viijd.</i>
Item of John Shellye, junior	-	-	-	<i>- ijs. viijd.</i>
Item of John Godfrey	-	-	-	<i>- ijs. viiijd.</i>
Item of Hugh White	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of Thomas Silvester	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of Barthemewe Abridge	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of Richard Harrison	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of George Allen	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of Humphry Nox	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of Samuel Browne	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>
Item of Will ^m Harrison	-	-	-	<i>- ijs.</i>

Item of Richard Roo	-	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of John Amond	-	-	-	-	xviij <i>d.</i>
Item of Henrye Wells	-	-	-	-	xviij <i>d.</i>
Item of Mr. George Burd	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Will ^m Richardson	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Widow Allen	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Ezekiell Ireland	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of John Bowman	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Rob ^t Tymberlye	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of W ^m Searle	-	-	-	-	vii <i>d.</i>
Item of George Owen	-	-	-	-	vii <i>d.</i>
Item of Matthew Dickinson	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of John Stradford	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of Tho ^s Swayland	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of Edward Owen	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Will ^m Hardicke	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of John Lyllye	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of Thomas Kipgate	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Thomas Rawlings	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Roger Lighborough	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Will ^m Helys	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Mr. Denham, the provost	-	-	-	-	vs.
					Smm, <i>vi<i>li.</i></i> 4 <i>s.</i> viii <i>d.</i>

Claptonn.

Imprimis the Right Hon. the Countesse of Oxen	:	xxs.
Item of S ^r Francis Barrington	-	xs.
Item of Mr. Sterne	-	xs.
Item of Mr. John Keyes	-	-viijs.
Item of Mr. Audley	-	-xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Sir Edward Standlye	-	-xxs.
Item of Mr. Watchall	-	-xs.
Item of Mr. Banister	-	-xs.
Item of Mr. Wood	-	-iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Mrs. Hawcker	-	-iijs.

Item of W ^m Newman	-	-	-	-	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of W ^m Munn	-	-	-	-	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of John Catcher	-	-	-	-	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Mrs. Storye	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Anthony Middleton	-	-	-	-	ijs. vi <i>d.</i>
Item of John Snape	-	-	-	-	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item of John Nicollson	-	-	-	-	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item of George Nicolls	-	-	-	-	xii <i>d.</i>
Item of Thomas Holt	-	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Symon Colbarke	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Roger Wells	-	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of John Wells	-	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Robart Brigge	-	-	-	-	xii <i>d.</i>
Item of Walter Borde	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Will ^m Lynnett	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Thomas Brigge	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of Henry ffeildinge	-	-	-	-	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item of George Davis	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of Walter Borde	-	-	-	-	vi <i>d.</i>
Item of Howell Morrys	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of John Brigge	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of George Blewitt	-	-	-	-	iiij <i>d.</i>

Smm, viii*l.* viii*d.*

Newington, Sha., Kingsl., and Darlestonn.

Imprimis of Sir Henry Roe	-	-	-	-	-xijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Mr. Whittmoore	-	-	-	-	-xijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of Mr. Dr. Spencer	-	-	-	-	-vs.
Item of Mr. Shrewe	-	-	-	-	-vs.
Item of Mr. Sylvan Storye	-	-	-	-	-xs.
Item of Mr. Richard Hallylee*	-	-	-	-	-xs.
Item of John Grigge	-	-	-	-	-iijs.
Item of John Wiggins	-	-	-	-	-ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item of Martyn Clarke	-	-	-	-	-ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item of Edward Markewis	-	-	-	-	-ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item of William Robarts	-	-	-	-	-ijs. viij <i>d.</i>

* See Notes for the Hallylee pedigree.

Item of John Perrye	-	-	-	ijs. xid.
Item of Wyddowe Strbteimth (?)	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of John Steward	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Will ^m Swinnerton	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Widdowe ffinche	-	-	-	xiiid.
Item of George Willson	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Robert Millard	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Oliver Caffyn	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of Ralph Tresswell	-	-	-	xviijd.
Item of Henrye Ashmore	-	-	-	xviijd.
Item of Richard Parker	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Henrye Cowper	-	-	-	xiiid.
Item of John Smyth	-	-	-	xijd.
Item of Will ^m Marlon	-	-	-	xiiid.
Item of John Parkes	-	-	-	xijd.
Item on a Weaver's house	-	-	-	vid.
Item of Davye Jones	-	-	-	vid.
Item of Richard Grondye	-	-	-	ijs. vid.
Item of John Payne	-	-	-	ijs.
Item of John Bridgman	-	-	-	vid.
Item of Robart Tomson	-	-	-	vid.
Item of Packer of the Pye	-	-	-	vid.

Sm, *vli. xd.*

Frauncis Maulkin and John Catcher, Church-wardens of the Pische of Hack. } a^o 1605.

A note of such payments of money as hath been payde out of the same monye gathered towards the repa^ons of the Church, both in travaylinge to gather the same, And also for workmanship as hereafter will appeare.

Imprimis the viij th daye of Maye spent in travaylinge to London my ptner & my selfe	-	ijs.
Item the 15 and 16 th dayes of May, John Allen goinge about w ^t us, and for his paynes	-	ijs. vid.
Item for five bellroopes weighinge threescore and three pounds	-	-xxis.viijd.

Item the xx ^t and xxij th dayes of Maye going to gather to Lond. for o ^r chardges	-	-	xviid.
Item geven in earnest to the Clockmaker	-	-	ijd.
Item in earnest to him that mended the bells	-	-	xid.
Item spent the same daye	-	-	iijd.

(Many similar charges for gathering expenses at London,
Hodxden (Hoxton), Ratcliffe, &c.)

Item payd the xxiv th daye of June to the Clock- maker	-	-	-	-	xxs.
Item geven to the Carpenter the xi ^t daye of Julye in earnest	-	-	-	-	xiiid.
Item for Hooock to hang the Co ^m andem ^{ts}	-	-	-	-	xvid.
Item pd. the Plumb ^{rs} man for xiiij ^{em} dayes worke att xvij ^d . the daye	-	-	-	-	xxis.
Item spent at many seu'all tymes in goinge to see the Lead weighed that was carryed and re- carryed w th certayne of the neighbours	-	-	-	-	xs.
Item for Nayles for the Plum ^r	-	-	-	-	xiiijs.
Item to the Bricklayer for tyles, &c.	-	-	-	-	viiiis.
Item for mendinge of the vayne to a brasyer	-	-	-	-	iis. vid.
					Suma, <i>vli. viiiis. viiiid.</i>
					Suma tot., ix. viiis. <i>vd.</i>

Soe ther remayneth due unto me as by these seu'all
particulars appere, layd out of my purse in these business,
Ls. *iijd.*

Item to a procter for his ffee to call in those that are behind towards the repa ^{co} ns of the Church	-	-	-	-	iiis. iiijd.
Item spent at two seu'all Dayes attendinge the Court	-	-	-	-	xvid.
Item when we went to renewe the warrant layd out two severall Dayes, being the xxvii th and xxix th Dayes of Nove'ber	-	-	-	-	ijjs.
Item for the renewinge of the same to the Judge and Register	-	-	-	-	vis.

Item payde to the Carpenter as by his byll
 acquittance doeth appeare - - - xx*li.* ijs. vjd.
 Item paide to the plommer in p^{te} of his byll
 amountinge to y^e some of xxj*li.* - - - vi*li.*

Me.—The paym^{ts} and disbursements before sett downe
 beinge examēd by Mr. Kempton, Mr. Banister, Mr. Hum-
 phrey Smyth, Mr. Richard Haynes, and Raphe Bell, as by
 these iij sydes appeareth this xiith of Decemb^r, 1605, the
 same doth amount to the some of xxxv*li.* viis. viid.

Soe ther Remayneth in the Churchwardens' hande
 towards the paym^t of the plo^mers byll xl. js. viijd.

Whereas ther was paide p^sently to the plomer in o^r
 p^sence the som of ffortie shillinge, and there is dewe still to
 the plommer the some of xiiij*li.*

Signed, among others, by :

HENRY BANISTER.
 HUMPHRY SMYTH.
 RICHARD HAYNES.
 RAPHE BELL.*
 EDWARD KYMPTON.

John Topliffe, of Kingsland, in the Count of Middx,
 yeoman, doth acknowledge himselfe to owe unto Mr. Jon-
 son, of Hack., Vicar, the som of L*li.* That is to saye, to
 save him harmles from all matters that shall insue by
 maryinge of John Warren, of St. Gregoryes p^{is}he in
 London, without Certificate from the sayd p^{is}he. Yf there-
 fore he bringe Certificate that he hath three seu'all tyme
 byn asked, then that this bond w^h shall be made shall be
 voyd and of noe effect, or else shall remayne in all full
 power, strength, and [illegible].

(Signed) JOHN TOPLIFFEE.

(The above curious bond or undertaking appears to have
 been cancelled. Date probably 1605 or 1606.)

* See Notes as to Raphe Bell.

The xvth of June, 1606.

Me.—That at a Vestrie holden this daie tuchinge the Account of ffrancis Maukyn, late Churchwarden, it is agreed uppon by the said ffrancis that what soe ever workmanshipp is done insufficiency by the Carpenter in the repaõones of the Church, that the same ffrancis shall be answarable for the same or compell the Carpenter to geve allowance for the same, and the lyke for the plom'er [plumber], and further he is agreed & to leve to the Judgm^t of S^r James Deane and Mr. Johnson & Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kempton, Mr. Bar. Smythe, and Mr. Banister, for the audyting and allowance of the ffirst and seconde Sessmts for the Repaõons [Reparations] of the Church according to the tenor of the Condisson in y^t behalf Directed by Mr. Docktor Rydley.

The aforesaid vi men makinge ther Report to the parryshe in this bussnes betwen this and the xxvth day of Julye next coming the same shall conclude the saide ffrancis Makyn in all respects whatsoever.

(Signed) FFRANCIS MAUKEN.

This Agreem^t was made in the psence of the psons heare und^r subscribed.

The mark of
MILES (P) PRESSEWKE.
The m (x) marke of
HUGHE WHITE.

(Signed) HENRY ROWE.
JAMES DEANE.
THOMAS CORDELLS.
CH. NICHOLSON.
HENRY BANISTER.
BARTHO. SMYTH.
R. RICHARDSON.
HUMFREY SMYTH.
THOMAS NICOLL.

Hackney, A Vestrye holden y^e 5th daye of Aprill, A^o 1613,
Midd. for the Choosinge of Churchwardens and other
Officers for the pise.

Churchwardens.

Walter Hallyley.

Richard Haynes.

Collectors for the poore.

Henrye Haynes.

William Haroge.

Henrie Parsons.

Thomas Usher.

Theis 4 were allowed of for to be Collectors & Overseers of the poore of this pische for this yere followinge, accordinge to the Lawe, by Sir John Kay, Knight, and Mr. Henrie Thursbye, Esquier, Justices of the Peace.

(Thoresby was therefore in the Commission of the Peace.)

An assessment cessted by Mr. Huggans, Mr. Halleley, Joseph Lawrence, Richard Snape, John Shelley, and Arther Kay: ffor the some of *vj*li. ffor and towards the setting out of three souldiers, as appereth by a Warrantt from the heigh Constable, beringe date viz., the xxjth daie of July, 1594.

Then follow the names of those assessed in Humberton. Among these is Alderman Spencer, 3s. John Shelley, xx*d*. Total of Homerton is 38s.

In Clapton, Mrs. Audley, 3s. Total of Clapton, 25s. 4*d*.

In Church Street, Raph Bell, 6*d*. Total of Church Street, 17s. 8*d*.

Total of Mare Street, 17s.

In Wel Street and Grove Street, Myles Presswicke, x*d*.

Total " " " 14s. 6*d*.

In Newington & Shackelwell, Mr. Rowe, 3s. Total, 13s. 2*d*.

Darleston and Kingsland, Halleley, 6s. 4*d*. Total, 9s. 6*d*.

Sum total, £6 11s. 2*d*.

On a piece of parchment let into the book is the following :

Dayes appoineted to the Churchwardens of Hackney to bringe in there bills into Powles Chaîne for London Boke the Com̄ssary :

The xxijth of Aprill }
 The sixth of November } at x^e ock.

Also when affairs of greate moment shalle happen they are to present the same forthwith.

A Selection of Assessments for Hay for H.M. provision for H.M. household.

The following particulars of the names of those appointed to furnish hay for Queen Elizabeth and King James's households for the Royal Mews are also all extracted from the long Memorandum Book.

The Composition Haye p^r A^o xxxiiith Rg^{ne} Eliz^t served by those as followethe :

The Barnes (Baums or Balmes) - - - ij loade.
 &c., &c.

The names of those that are to Deliv^r the Composition hay at the muze, for A^o Reyne Elizabeth xxxiiijth, viz. :

(Among them are) Mr. Burke, at the three swanes, in busshopsgate Streete.

Gallant, at the Starr, in Shoreditche.

John Stanley, at the Vyne, at Busshopsgate.

Marie Tomson's wife, at the Halfe Moone, in Busshopsgate Streete, &c.*

Hackney, The names of those that are appointed to serve
 1593. viij lodes of hay for y^e Seassment of Hackney.

Edward Walker, of y^e Bames - - - ij lodes.

* See Notes, "The Half-Moon."

Norton, of y ^e three Nonnes*	-	-	-	1 lode di.
John Mason, for y ^e psonage	-	-	-	1 lode.
Gallant, of y ^e Starre, in Shordyce	-	-	-	ix t.
Wydw ffoster	-	-	-	iiij t. di.†
Henry Waterman	-	-	-	iiij t. di.
Edmund Huggins, gent.	-	-	-	iiij & di.
Mr. Stapers	-	-	-	iiij t. di.
Mr. Procter	-	-	-	iiij t. & di.
Alderman Spencer	-	-	-	iiij t. & di.
John Stanton	-	-	-	di. Lode.

(Signed) JNO. P. LYNNETT.
JOHN LAWRENCE.
RICHARD SNAPE.

The names of those that are appointed to Serve eight lode of hay : for the Composition and Sessm^t of Hackney for A^o 1595. Ye xxixth of June.

In primis of Edward Walker, at y ^e greene †				
Dragon in busshops gate Streete	-	-	-	ij lodes.
Item of (left blank in orig.) Norton, at the three Nunnes, at Algate	-	-	-	1 lode di.
Item John Mason, of the psonage of Hackney	-	-	-	1 lode.
Item of (left blank in orig.) Gallant, at y ^e Starr in Shorditche	-	-	-	di lode.
Item of (left blank in orig.) Grigge, of Hoxton	-	-	-	qr ^{ter} lode.
Item of John Stanton, of y ^e Vyne at Busshopgate	-	-	-	di lode.
Item of Nicholas Sutton, of Haggerstone	-	-	-	qr ^{ter} lode.
Item of John Greene, of Hoxton	-	-	-	qr ^{ter} lode.
Item of Arnolde Richardson, of Newington	-	-	-	qr ^{ter} lode.
Item of John Porter, of Cheapsyde	-	-	-	qr ^{ter} load.
Item of (blank) Stretton, at ye Cock at Creplegat	-	-	-	di lode.
Item of Thomas Haille, of Hoxton	-	-	-	q ^r lode.

* See Notes, "The Three Nuns at Aldgate."

† Four trusses and a half.

‡ See Notes as to the old inns.

Item Henry Waterman, of myle ende	-	-	qr lode.
Item of (blank) Spillsworthe, of Shorditche	-	-	qr lode.
(Signed as usual.)			

The Sessment for Hey (hay), A^o 1596.

Ed. Walker, ffor the Bammes	-	-	-	ij lod.
Mr. Norton, ffor the xl Acres	-	-	-	1 lod Di.
The psonage	-	-	-	1 lod Di.
Gallant	-	-	-	Di. lo.
&c.				

The Seassment for hay, Anno Dom. 1597.

Mr. Walker, for y ^e Bamm	-	-	-	ij lodes.
ffor ye 40 acres	-	-	-	1 lode di.
The psonage (parsonage)	-	-	-	1 lode.
John Clarke	-	-	-	di lode.
Mr. Sutton	-	-	-	di lode.
Saint Jones mead (qy. Saint John's Mead ?)	-	-	-	di lode.
&c., &c.				

The Assessment for the Composition Haye Dues for the Muze, ffor the year 1598, viz. :

Imprimis Mr. Walker, ffor the Bambes (Baumes)	7	load.	
Item of Mr. Johns (? St. Johns), of Hackney, for 40 acres	-	-	1 load dmi.
Item for the psonage of Hackney	-	-	1 load.
Item of Thomas Carlyll, in Busshopsgat Streete	qr ^{ter}	load.	
Item of Peter Valentyn, for St. Jones (? John's) Meade	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of Richard Gallant, of Shorditch	-	-	Dmj load.
Item of Thomas Bedwell, of Pudding Lane	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of Richard Bolton, at ye Swanne w th two neckes at Milke Street ende*	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of William Foster, of Newington	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of Mr. Stanley, at the Wicke	-	-	Dmi load.
Item of John Grigge, of Hoxton	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.

* See Notes.

Item of Mr. Chambers, at the signe of the Axe in Aldermanbury*	-	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of Mr. Hogge, at Bednal greene	-	-	-	Dmj load.
Item of Mr. More, of Newington	-	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.

(Signed as usual.)

The Sessm^t for the composition Haie, An^o 1599, y^e
24 June.

In primis Mr. Walker, for the Bames	-	-	-	7 load.
Item Mr. Jones, of Ratcliffet	-	-	-	1 load demi.
Item for the Parsonage	-	-	-	1 load.
Item Mr. Stanton, of Bushopsgate	-	-	-	Demi load.
Item Richard Bolton, at y ^e Swanne w th two necks at Milke Streete end	-	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item Mr. Hogge, of Bethnal Greene	-	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item Richard Gallant, of ye Starr at Shoreditch	-	-	-	Demi load.
Item for the ground at Bishopsgate	-	-	-	qr ^t load.
Item Mr. Sutton, of Haggerstone	-	-	-	11 qr ^{tr} load.
Item Mr. Bassett, at the ende of Silver Streete for his land in Kingsland	-	-	-	1 load.
Item John Geerey, of Hoxton	-	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.

(Signed by the Constable and others.)

The Sessment for ye compositiō hay, A^o 1601, ye xiiijth
daie of June.

Mr. Danyell, for ye psonage †	-	-	-	ij load.
Mr. Walker, of ye Bames	-	-	-	ij lod.
Mr. G. Jones, of Ratlif	-	-	-	1 lod dij.
Mr. Bassett, for grounde at Kingsland	-	-	-	1 lod dij.
Mr. Edward Bardough	-	-	-	qr ^{tr} .
Richard Gallant, of Shordich	-	-	-	demy.
Thomas Carlell, in Bishopsgate Street	-	-	-	qrt ^f .

The Seassment ffor the Composition Haye, made the
xxiiijth Daye of June, A^o Dni 1602.

* See Notes.

† We can only read this so.

‡ See Extracts in Addenda about Danyell.

In primis of Mr. Walker, of the greene Dragon			
w ^{thin} Busshopps gate	-	-	7 loade.
Item of Mr. Thomas Jones, of Ratlif	-		1 load demy.
Item of Richard Bolton, at the Swanne	w th	two	
necks in Mylk Streete ende	-		half a load.
Item of John Emye, at Shordtich Church	-		qr ^{tr} load.
Item of Nicholas Sutton, of Hagerstone	-		demi load.
Item of Robt. Pryothe, of Hoxton	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of John Geerey, of the Sunne	-	-	1 load.
Item of Mr. Holmette, at the Red lion at Myle			
end	-	-	-
			qr. load.
Item of Mr. Dutton, at the Dolffyn at Bushops			
gate	-	-	-
			qr ^{tr} load.
Item of John Griggess, of Kingsland	-	-	qr ^{tr} load.
Item of Richard Gallant, at the Starr at Shor-			
dich Church	-	-	-
			qr. load.
Nicholas Denby			
Item of Mr. Tho ^s More, of Newington	-	-	qr. load.
John Waterworth, at Gate (?)	-	-	p of a loade.

Hackney, A Seassment made for the Assessinge of the
 Midd. composiçon Haye for his Ma^{ties} Houshoulde
 this fifth daye of August, A^o 1611. By us
 whose names are hereunder written.

Mr. Jones, of Ratclyffe	-	-	3 qr ^{trs} of a loade.
Mr. Symon Egerton	-	-	halfe a loade.
Mr. Walker, of Bishopgate	-	-	two loade.
Widdowe Noble, of Hodsden	-	-	vi trusses.
Mr. John Sweete, of the Maidenhedd	-	-	half a loade.
Mr. Blythe, of Whitecrosse Streete	-	-	iiij ^{or} trusses.
Valentyne Poole, of (a word erased)*	-	-	ix truss ^s .
Mr. Pynder, of Bishopgate (father of Sir Paul			
Pinder ?)	-	-	a quar ^{tr} .
Mr. Cair, of Bishopgate	-	-	xii truss ^s .

* Perhaps Butfield.

Mr. Waterworth, of Islington	-	-	xii truss ^s .
Mr. Denbiyhe, of Sorditche	-	-	a q ^{ter} .
Mr. Peter Atkinson, of Whitecrosse Streete	-	-	viii truss ^s .
Richard Garnett, of Ruckolls	-	-	ij truss ^s .
Mr. More, of Lughton	-	-	ij truss ^s .
Mr. Mylls, of Stoke Newington	-	-	xj truss ^s .
Mr. Haxoes	-	-	a Q ^{tr} .
Mr. Edwarde, of Old Ford	-	-	-
John Jackson, of Towre Hill	-	-	vj truss ^s .
John Storye, of Sorditch	-	-	iiij ^{or} truss ^s .
Mr. Leake, of gratious streete	-	-	iiij ^{or} truss ^s .
Mr. Carter, of Gracious streete	-	-	ij truss ^s .
Mr. Caton, of Bishopgate	-	-	a q ^{ter} .
Thomas Munt, of Hodsden	-	-	a q ^{ter} .
Mr. Boone	-	-	vi truss ^s .
Mr. Lyttleboye, of Newington	-	-	ij truss ^s .
Mr. Blomfeld, of Hodsden	-	-	halfe a loade.

(Signed) BARTHO. SMYTHE.
 The marke of MYLES (R) PRESSWICKE.
 XRSSOFER VALLENTINE.

Heading of another assessment.

An Asseessment made the xixth daye of Julye, A^o 1613, by us whose names are underwritten for the Asseesm^{te} of eight loades of Haye for his Ma^{te} pvision, for his housholde.

Hackney, Midd.—A Ceassement maide y^e 28 daye of Julie, A^o 1613, for His Ma^{ti} Howsholde, provision bothe for Veales, Beastes, and other pvision thereunto belonginge, by Henrie Bannester and Walter Hallyley and Myles Presswicke, wth the Constables as followethe.

Then follow the names of contributors in
 Church Street.
 Mayre Street.

Hummerton.
 Clapton.
 Newington, Shackellwell, Kingsland, & Darlstone.

Another heading is as follows :

An Asseassment made the xviith of Julye, 1614, for the Asseassing of eight loades of Hay for his (qy. Ma^{tie} left out) provisione for his ho'wshoulde by us whose names are hereunder written ; vizt., Walter Hallilie, Richarde Haynes, Myles Presswicke, and Roger Post, by Vertewe of a Warrante to us Directed, bearinge date the xiiijth daye of June, 1614.

Mr. Hutton, for the psonadge - - di loade.
 Mr. Whitmore, for cxx acres - - j loade di.
 &c., &c.

Hackquenie,* Midd. An Asseassment made the xxijnd of August, 1614, for and conc'ring the greate Compositione for His Ma^{tie} Ho'wshoulde, and also for the rep'inge of the Armore belonging to the Towne, and for the Leuetenannte wages stated by those whose names are hereunder written, viz^t :

Hughe Wilson	} Constables.	Henrye Banister, gent.
John Allen		Walter Hallilie, gent.
John Alden		Myles Presswicke.
		William Davis.
		Edward Cutts.
		William Linnett.
		Richard Haynes } Church-
		Henry Heynes } wardens.

Then follow the names of those assessed in Church Street, Mare Street, Wel Streete & Grove Streete, Humertoune, Newington, Shacklewell, Kingsland and Darlestone.

* An old form of Hackney, but generally Hakeneye. 'Edward Lord Herbert of Chirbury, to Secretary Windebank, Feb. 9, 1638-9, from my house at Haqueny.'

The wyche some of these seassmente amoñ to the Some of *vi. viis. ijd.*

Whereof remanes Uncollected as apperes, *viis. xd.*

The amo bye the Constables collected, *iiij*l*. xviijs. iiij*d*.*

Laid owt by them as appeares by ther bill, whereof this the trewe coppie as followethe :

Imprimis for the great compositione	-	-	xxiijs.
for scowring the Armore	-	-	<i>vid.</i>
for oile for the Armore	-	-	<i>vid.</i>
for powder to try the peces (?)	-	-	<i>xiiid.</i>
for making the booke	-	-	<i>xiiid.</i>
Sum, <i>iiij<i>l</i>. xviijs. vid.</i>			
Koste to them, <i>ijd.</i>			

ARMOUR AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.*

The following Inventory gives a most interesting description of the armour belonging to the ward which was kept in the steeple of the church. It appears from the various entries in the great Book of Accounts to have been the custom to lend it out upon the setting of the watch upon the vigils of the Feasts of St. John the Baptist (24 June) and St. Peter the Apostle (29 June).

Armoure apperteyninge to this warde lyenge in the steple of St. Mighells, and comyteed to the Charige of the Church wardaines from tyme to tyme by them and their successors, to be kepte to the use of the said warde.

Corselettes	-	-	x.
Morrespikes	-	-	x.
Swordes	-	-	xxix.
Daggers	-	-	xxix.
Cotes	-	-	xix.
Sleves of Maile	-	-	xix paire.

* This Inventory is given in illustration from Mr. Waterlow's Great Book of Accounts of St. Michael's.

Sculles (qy. helmets)	-	xij.
Gonnes	- -	vj.
Greate boxes for powder	-	vj.
litle boxes for powder	-	vj.
Matches	- -	vj.
Billes	- -	vj.
Bowes	- -	vj.
Sheafes of Arrowes	-	vj.
Gerdels	- -	xxix.
Poyntes	- -	xij dozen.

(Extracted from the Book of Accounts, &c., of St. Michael's, Cornhill, edited by Mr. Waterlow, formerly churchwarden there.)

"The custom of Setting the Watch on the Vigil of St. John and St. Peter was a great event among the citizens. The procession of the watchmen, all dressed in bright harness, and men carrying a cresset light, with minstrels, passed through the principal streets of the city."—Stowe.

(The old helmet in Hackney Church is probably a remnant (and the only one) of the armour belonging to the old church.)

An Assessment made y^e 8th of July, 1621, for the Assessinge of eight lodes of hey for the pvision (provision) of his majesties houshold by us whose names are underwritten: Walter Hallilie, Richard Heaynes, Miles Presswicke, John Nicoll, Thomas Allen, and Willm. Linet, with the three Constables.

(Then follow the names of landholders, with number of acres held by them, in all 619 akers at 8 lodes.)



Collections in Hackney Church, mostly on Royal Briefs.

WE are informed that in the north of England, and no doubt also in the south, the Royal Letters were granted to parsons who wished to rebuild their churches, to towns where fires had occurred, or to men who had lost all their cows or pigs or any other valuable possession. They were also granted, as appears by several of the following examples, to seafaring men who had lost their ships, and to distressed Protestants abroad, and especially to the city of Geneva. The applicants, having obtained the Royal sanction, got the Brief engrossed on parchment and duly sealed. They then tramped through the shires of England and Berwick-upon-Tweed, turning up at a different church, chapel, or meeting-house each week, and presenting their Brief to the minister, demanded that it be read in the church, etc., and a collection made for the deserving object therein mentioned. Sometimes they got two or three pounds, sometimes two or three pence.

It would appear that there was another mode of collection which occasioned very heavy expenses. Some ten or eleven thousand letters were despatched to the various parishes, and the cost of this very often eat up nearly all the amount collected, sometimes all. This mode of collec-

tion survived nearly to our times in the form of a Royal Letter in favour of some one of the great Church Societies. These Royal Letters were issued in the first half of this century, and recommended the channels in which the alms of the church were likely to flow with the best effect. It was not then considered right or lawful to collect alms for such public designs without this form of public authority. We have some idea that the letters ceased to be issued about the year 1845.

There was a petition to the King for a Royal Letter about 1767 on behalf of a chapel school at Penning, Moldavia, whereto the minister answered that the King was always ready to forward charitable intentions, but that the people who heard Briefs read usually every month, would give but a few pence towards building their own churches, and even regarded places in New York State and Pennsylvania as foreign. He was afraid they would say that they had never even heard of Moldavia, and therefore the prayer was not granted.

We read in the Great Book of Accounts of St. Michael, Cornhill:

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1586. St. Michael's Cornhill.

There shalbe grauntyd no collection for the poore in the Church above once a month, except it be upon such lyc̄ (lycense) as shall come from the quene's ma^{tie} under the Brode seale.

[The following extracts about Collections are partly from the Long Memorandum Book and partly from Vol. I. of the Select Vestry Minutes. The Long Memorandum Book, however, contains what may be called very brief notices of Vestries.]

Anno Do. 1583, y^e 20 of October.

Gathered at y^e comūnyon the day above written
by Arthur Kay, and delivered unto hym to
be accountable - - - - ijs. vij*d*.
(Signed) KAY, J. S.

Gathered at the communyion the xxvth of De-
cember, ¶ Moulton, & delyveryd unto
Arthur Kay, to be accountyd for by him - vs. xj*d*.
(Signed) p. KAY, J. S.

Gatheryd by Willyam Moulton the vth of Feb-
ruarie at the Comon to be by him accompted xxvj*d*.

Gathered by William Moulton the xxixth daie of
Marche at the Coion - - - xj*d*.

Gathered at the Cōion the xixth of Aprill (1584)- xvj*d*.

Gathered at the Comūnyon iij^o Maij & dd. to
Arthur Kay - - - - xvij*d*.

Similar collections on 7 June.

” ” 31 July.

” ” 12 Sept^r.

” ” 1 Novemb^r.

” ” 3 Jan^r.

” ” 7 February.

” ” 28 March.

” ” 8 April (1585).

Geven to Widow Goughe the xvth of Marche,
1583, of the comūnion money - - ijs. vj*d*.

Geven to the wydoe Jackson the vth of December,
1585, by consent of Mr. Audlye & Mr.
Boyde - - - - ijs. vj*d*.

Gathered at the Comūnyon Sunday, the xvjth of
Octobr, 1586 - - - - ijs. iij*d*.
26 Dec^r. - - - - ijs. xj*d*.

Similar on 6 Feb^r.

„ 26 March.

„ 2 April (1587 o.s).

„ 9 April.

At Comyn Sunday, xxij April - - - xjd.

At the Common on Whitt Sondaye, beinge the

19th daye of Maye, 1605 - - - vijs.

(Signed) FRANCIS MAULKIN.

At the Commnyon the 7th Daye of Julye, 1605 - ijs. xd.

FRAUNCIS MAULKIN.

At the Commyon the viijth daye of September - ijs. viijd.

1584.

A Collection made for the Towne of Nantwyche, by a warrant from John Machell, Justice of Peace, collected by Thomas Dennam, John Lawrence, William Snape, and Henry Warlye, the some of xliijs. vjd. ob., whiche some was payd unto Thomas Aldersye,* Citizen of London, by Thomas Dennam and John Lawrence, the 25 day of April, 1584, as aperith by his quittance, the effect whereof is as followeth, viz. :

Memorandum that I, Thomas Aldersye, of London, Merchant, have received of Thomas Dennam promice of y^e mynt and John Lawrence the some of xliijs. vjd. ob. for so muche by them collected wythin the Parish of Hackney, in y^e Countie of Middx., for the reliefe of the inhabitantes of Nantwyche in Chesshyre.

Some as aforesayd - - - xliijs. vjd. ob. q^{3d}.

Into this matter Thomas Aldersye had Subscrybd
his name.

* Aldersey, Langborne (ward). 'In 1597 Sir William Dethick granted arms and crest to Lawrence, son of Thomas Aldersey, of Cheshire, which Lawrence was a second cousin of John Aldersey, of Aldersey, and of a younger branch, which accounts for the introduction of a crescent in Lawrence Aldersey's shield. (From the 'Visitation of London,' 1633-5.)

Remayninge in the Conystable's hand of that mony
that was given for the visyted poore, &c. - *vd.*

Mem Gathered for the distressed state of Geneva this
p'sent yeare 1603.

Sonday the 20 Novem ^r gathered the some of	-	xij <i>s.</i>
Sonday the 27 November gathered the Some of		iiij <i>s.</i> iij <i>d.</i>
Sondaye the 4 th of December gathered the		
some of	-	-
	-	-
	-	xij <i>d.</i>
Sondaye the xi th of Decemb ^r gathered the		
som of	-	-
	-	-
	-	iiij <i>s.</i> <i>vd.</i>
Receaved this first monthe	-	-
	-	xxj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>

Mony gathered for the distressed state of Geneva this
p'sent yere of o^r Lord, 1603.

Sondaye the 1 th of Januarye gathered the some of	iiij <i>s.</i>	ix <i>d.</i>
Sondaye the 15 th of Janu. gathered the some of		xj <i>d.</i>
Sondaye the xij th of Febr.	-	-
	-	xvj <i>d.</i>
Sondaye the xj th of Marche	-	-
	-	ij <i>s.</i> j <i>d.</i>

1604.

Sondaye the vj th of Maye	-	-	iijs.	vij <i>d.</i>
Sondaye the x th of June	-	-	iijs.	
Sondaye the iiij th of November	-	-	vs.	

Sum, 40*s.* 4*d.*

COLLECTIONS FOR GENEVA.

"1603, Oct. 9. The King to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. To issue letters to the bishops for voluntary contributions in behalf of the citizens of Geneva, who are exposed to great dangers by their exertions in behalf of the common cause of religion." (From the State Papers.)

The history of Geneva is singular. In early times the city was sometimes included in the Burgundian State. She

would therefore have naturally fallen to be included in France. But afterwards she became an independent, perhaps an Imperial city. The Bishop was held to have the sole jurisdiction, which was confirmed by the Emperor, who thought thereby to keep off the pretensions of strangers. The Duke of Savoy endeavoured to obtain the sovereignty of Geneva from the Pope, who said he would agree, subject to the Bishop's consent. The Bishop, however, made a contract with the syndicks and citizens never to allow any change in the State. Thence ensued endless bickerings between the Genevese and the Savoyards, afterwards embittered by difference of religion. The Emperor in 1420 maintained and declared that Geneva was an Imperial city, and the Duke of Savoy was not to molest it.

In 1602 the Duke of Savoy made a desperate attempt to take Geneva by surprise. About this time, apparently, the citizens were in distress, for King James ordered the collections in England, although we cannot find if the immediate occasion was famine or want of money and resources from the incessant attacks of the Savoyards. Geneva had become a member of the Swiss Confederacy, but the divisions of religion also affected her in this. For the Freiburgers, being Catholics, adjured her to send away the Protestant ministers, while the Bernese, being Protestants, equally protested against their removal. Nevertheless, she was assisted by both Freiburg and Berne against Savoy. The vast power of Spain in the background assisted her enemies, while Elizabeth of England and Henry IV. of France protected her. The result of all these various counteracting influences was that she maintained her independence and afforded an asylum to Calvin and to Theodore Beza, the translator of the New Testament, who was called by the Catholics the Huguenots' Pope. The early name of the Huguenots in those parts was Eignots, supposed to be contracted from Eidgenossen, *i.e.*, allied by oath.

In 1555 the numbers of strangers visibly increasing in the city, several English came and settled themselves there and founded a Church of their own nation, as the Italians had done before them in 1551 and the Spaniards some time after; but Queen Elizabeth having succeeded Queen Mary, the English returned again into their own country and thanked the city for their protection. In 1603, in the beginning of the year, there arose a great difference in the General Council in the choice of syndicks by reason of the scaling of the walls (in the Duke of Savoy's attempt), which had happened three weeks before, for fear of the election of magistrates ill-affected to the public. At length there were chosen John Maillet, John du Pan, John Favres, and John Budé, which gave occasion to this proverb, "We are at St. John's," and because that the lieutenant too was named John Rillet. The Prince Palatine gave the city six thousand crowns in 1607. As this was three years after the collection in England, it is not likely that it was provided by it. In 1655 the Genevoises received a letter from Cromwell, written in the Latin tongue (probably by John Milton). He told them that the extreme miseries, whereinto the Duke of Savoy had reduced the Protestants in the valleys of Piedmont, had so far moved him with compassion that he had ordered collections to be made throughout all England, that he might give proofs of the great charity of that nation towards its afflicted brethren. And forasmuch as the collections required some time, and the necessities of those poor people admitted no delay, he hath therefore judged it meet to send in the meanwhile the sum of £2000 sterling out of his own treasury, &c. He sent afterwards the Lord Morland to the Duke of Savoy to intercede for the said poor people of the valleys (Waldenses), and whilst this affair was in agitation this ambassador resided several months in Geneva.

A° D^{mi} 1593.

- Imprimis Verity Hobbs gathered y^e xxvth of
 Marche - - - - - iijs.
 Item the xxixth of Aprill, 1593, David Lowyd
 gathered - - - - - iiijs. xjd. of.
 (Query, no more briefs issued by Elizabeth?)

(Then follows) Anno 1604.
 Hackney Church.

- Imprimis with Toinston, of Grenew^{ch} (Green-
 wich), having losse by fyre, gatherthed
 fyfthe daye of Auguste - - - vs.
 Imprimis gathered by a gentⁿ, beinge a dis-
 tressed Christian, this xixth Daye of Au-
 gust, 1604 - - - - - ixs. xd.
 Item gathered the xvjth daye of September, the
 some of vijs. vjd. for a fire that was in Ut-
 stiper (qy. Uttoxeter?), in Staffordsh - vijs. xjd.
 Item gathered for John Greene, having had
 losses by Sea the 7th daye of October, 1604 vjs. ijd.
 Item Will^m Sympson gathered the xxjth daye of
 October, 1604 - - - - - iijs. 8d. of.
 Item gathered the xxvth daye of November, A°
 1604 - - - - - iijs. viiijd.
 Item gathered the ixth daye of December, A°
 1604, for Rob^t feildinge - - - vijs. xjd.
 Item Gathered for the poore the xxth of De-
 cember - - - - - iijs.
 Item given unto the poore by Mr. Kempton
 the iij^d. daye of ffebruarye, A° 1604 - vjs. ixd.
 Item gathered the ixth daye of June for a fyre
 happned in Kinge Honycton, in Bedford-
 shire, A° 1605 - - - - - viijs.
 Item gathered the first daye of September for
 Casualtye of fyre happened to Robert
 Reade, of Chyswicke (?) - - - - - ixs.

- Item gathered the vjth daye of October for
Casualtye of fyre happened to Steven
Martyn, of Barkinn - - - vjs. vjd. ob.
- Item gathered the xxth daye of October, A^o
1605, for Casualtye of fyre happened to
Walter Walshe, of London, in the Count.
of Midd. - - - - - vjs.
- Item gathered for an Irishe gent. the xxiiijth
daye of Feb^r, 1605 - - - - - viijs.
- Item gathered for an ffyre att Est Grenw^{ch} the
xxvth of May, A^o 1606 - - - - - xs.
- Item gathered for a fyre att Enfield the iij daye
of August, 1606, for Edward Knott - viijs. vjd.
- Gathered this first of Aprill the some of 6s. and
a peny for a fyre that was in Lincolne-
shire at Metheringham - - - - - vjs. jd.

A Declaracon of all suche Money as hathe gathered in
Hackney Church. Uppon the King's Letters Pattente,
by Walter Hallyley, churchwarden, from the 18 daye of
Aprill, A^o 1613, to the* of Aprill, A^o 1614, by y^e breefes
w^h remayned in his hande.

- In primis gathered y^e 18 of Aprell, 1613, uppon
a briefe for Gilbert Lodge, of Redrise (?),
in y^e countie of Surrie, mariner, for the
losse by Tempeste at Sea of 4 seu'all
Hoyes laden with merchandize and one
lighter in y^e Temes loded wth Hay to y^e
valeu of 300*li*. and upwards, the some of - vjs. iiijd.
- Aprill y^e 25. Gathered for one Richard Con-
nisby, of South Mimes, in Com. Midd., for
a losse by ffyer that burned his dwelling-
house and all his goods, with his barne wth
all therein, to the valeu of 1x*li*., the some of vijs. iijd.
- May 9. Gathered for one George Harrison,

* Left blank in original MS.

- of Dunstanes in y^e East wthin y^e Citie of London, Mariner, for the losse of 2 Shippes in y^e late Quene's tyme in her s^rvice, and all his goods, to the valeu of 700*li.*, y^e some of - - - - - ix*s.* viij*d.*
- June 13. Gathered upon a brieve for the repairing the Church of St. Albans, it being the Third gathering, the some of - - - - - xxiiij*s.* iiij*d.*
- June 20. Gathered for one John Browne & Morris Scutt, for that there howses were burned in Ham Shere wth all their goods, in a towne called Cheriton, the some of - - - - - xs. viij*d.*
- 4th July, 1613. Gathered for one Barnard Raynold, of Wappinge, in y^e Countie of Midd., who lost his Adventure in a viage to Mallag. to y^e valewe of 400 pounds, the some of - - - - - xs. vj*d.*
- 13 Julie. Gathered for one William Butt & divers Inhabitants of y^e Towne of Sherborne, in y^e Countie of Oxon, who loste by soden ffyer happeninge on y^e 4th daye of August laste, w^{ch} consumed & burnte one hunderedd & fortie & seaven lodes of howsinges (?), to y^e value 1200*li.* & in goods to y^e value 1200*li.* more, ye some of xv*js.* vd.
- 2 Auguste, 1613. Gathered for one John Chester, of Ratlife, mariner, who loste in a voyage at Sea, being surprised by Certaine Turkish Men of Warr, so much goods as amounted to the value of 300*li.*, the some of - - - - - ix*s.* viij*d.*
- 15^o Auguste. Gathered the fouerthe and laste gathering of 4 gatherings for bilding of the Church of St. Albans, the some of - - - - - xi*js.* vj*d.*
- 29^o Auguste. Gathered for a ffyer in y^e towne of Cley, in the Countie of Norfolk; graunted

- to one Tho. Austen, and John Bulland,
in y^e inhabitants' behalf, wth fyer burned
verie manie buldinges the valew of 4000*li.*,
the some of - - - viijs. vij*d.* ob.
- 12^o die Septembris, 1613. Gathered for one
Henry Hewes, of Dowchett, in y^e Countie
of Buckingham, Gent., who in his Service
y^e late Queene E. was taken prisoner by
y^e Spaniarde, whose ransome did impo-
verish him, the some of - - - viijs. vj*d.* ob.
(Two unimportant omitted.)
- There was gathered for a brief sent by my
Lord Admirall for Anastasius, borne in
Amasia, y^e cheefe Cittie of Capadocia, a
marchant taken by y^e Turkes, ye some of - vijs. v*d.*
- 20 die Novembris, 1613. Gathered for one
Agnes Harte, of Stepney, for losses of her
late Husband, Robert Harte, a seafaring
man, who was cast away at Sea, and his
goods to y^e valew of 150, ye some - iijs. vij*d.*
- 28^o die Novembris, 1613. Gathered for one
Robert ffuller, Andrew Legge, and Nicho-
las Younge, & divers others of Newport in
y^e Isle of Wight, for a fyer. that burnt out
y^e 3^d daye of Auguste last there dwellinge
howses to y^e number of l., wth there goods
to y^e valew of 3000*li.*, ye some of - vijs. viij*d.*
- 12 die Decembris, 1613. Gathered for one
Samuel Lambert, of St. Katherine's, for y^e
losse of his Shipec goinge to y^e Weste
Indies by pyrates, to y^e valewe of 500*li.*,
the some of - - - vs. iiij*d.*
- 27^o die March, 1614. Gathered for one Marie
Temple, y^e widowe of John Temple, of
Limehouse, in Stepnie, Mariner, for seu'all
losses susteyned in her husband's tyme by

piracie, y^e first a Shippe called the *Goodwill*, y^e second a Shipec called ye *Marie and John*, the thirde called the *Peeter*, all to the valew of 256*li.*, ye some of - - iijs. iiij*d.*

vijth of August, 1614.

Gathered for one John Whitehall, of Wapping, in the pish of Whitechapell, maryner, for ctain losses by him susteyned at Sea in a ship called the *Blandina*, coming from Norway, & in another shipp called the *John*, of London, cast away uppon the cost of Barbarie, the loss to the valew of a thousand pounds, the some of - - viijs. ix*d.*

xxvijth of August, 1614.

Gathered for one Richard Miller, of Poole, for losses sustained at sea by the Spaniards and Dunkers (?), at divers tymes, and last of all in a shipp called the *gifte of God*, of Poole, the some - - vs. vj*d.*

xxvjth of October, 1614.

Gathered for one Thomas Leech, of Twicknam, in the Countie of Midlesex, for a losse susteyned by fire one the vjth of March laste, haveing his howse & goods burned to the Valewe of iij^c powndes, the some of - vjs. j*d.*

xxijth of October, 1614.

Gathered for John Leaminge, Marrow Haynes, Robert Webster, Christopher Spicer, William Clerke, and Martin Richardson, for themselves and the rest of the inhabitants of the towne of Kingston (?), in the countie of York, for a fire that consumed twelve

Dwelling-houses, wth other buildings to the
 valewe of twelve thousand pounds, the
 some of - - - - - vijs. jd.

xxth of November, 1614.

Gathered for William Cooke, William Consett,
 Richard ffindon, of ould Brainford, in the
 Countie of Midd., for a losse susteyned by
 a fire, w^{ch} burnt their Barns full of corne &
 other their howsings to the valewe of three
 hundred fortie powndes one the xxijth of
 November last, the some - - - vjs. vjd.

vj of December, 1614.

Gathered for one Fraunces Bayldon, of London,
 wth another, for two losses by him sus-
 teyned, th' one uppon the cost of Ireland
 and th' other coming from Porgell (Portu-
 gal), to the valew of nine hundred powndes,
 the some of - - - vs. iijd.

Primo die January.

Gathered for Richard Marshall and Martin
 Mshall, his mother, for losses by them sus-
 teyned by a soodaine and lamentable fire
 happening the xth of October laste in the
 pishe of Braye, in the Count. of York, to
 the value of iij^{cs}li. - - - iijs. vd.

xxxth of January.

Gathered for one Richard Phillipps for losse by
 him susteyned by casualtie of fire, the
 some of - - - - - iijs. xjd.

An accompt of all such moneys as are gathered in the
 year 1621 by Mr. Thomas Allyn, Churchwarden in the

pish of Hackney, upon his Ma^{ts} briefes duringe the tyme of his saide office.

The xxij of April, 1621.

Gathered for David Boswell, of Newcastle upon Tyne, merchant, upon his brief dated the xxiv th of April, 1620	-	-	vs.	iiij <i>l</i> .
Gathered for John Cole, of Gaynsborowe, grocer, by a brief dated the xvij th of May, 1620	-	-	-	5 <i>s</i> .

The xxivth of April, 1621.

Gathered for the Ile of Alderney by a brief dated the v th of February, 1620	-	-	vij <i>s</i> .	ij <i>l</i> .
The money was sent to Paule Smyth, hygh Constable, by Goodman Bowmen, pollic constable.				

The xijth of Maie, 1621.

Gathered for Anthony Smyth, of Shadwell, in the pish of Stepney, Shipp Carpenter, by a brief dated the xxiiij th of July, 1620	-	-	vj <i>s</i> .	ij <i>l</i> .
Gathered the same daie for Angelo Jacobi, merchant straunger, by a brief dated the xxij th of June, 1620	-	-	-	viiij <i>s</i> .

The xxth of Maie, 1621.

Gathered for viij captives in Turkey by a brief dated the xxj th of March last	-	-	xiiij <i>s</i> .	iv <i>d</i>
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The xth of June, 1621.

Gathered for Henry Rent, of Copford, in the Countie of Essex, by a brief dated the xij th of Decemb ^r , 1620	-	-	vs.	iiij <i>l</i> .
Gathered towards the repairinge of a Church at Walton-upon-Thames, in the Countie of				

Surrey, by a brief dated the xxijth of June,
1620 - - - - - ix. iij*d.*

The xvij of June, 1621.

Gathered for the pish Church of Otford, in the
Countie of Kent, by a brief dated the vth of
Julie last - - - - - ivs. iij*d.*

Gathered for Patrick Lenox, of Berwick-upon-
Tweed by brief dated the xvijth of June
last - - - - - vs. iij*d.*

The xxiiijth of June, 1621.

Gathered for George Ballard & others of
Bushopp's Sutfilde, in the Countie of Ox-
ford (?), by a brief dated the iiijth of De-
cemb^r last - - - - - vs. iij*d.*

Gathered for Keinold Trigge Curat, of Clave-
ringe, in Essex, by a brief dated the vijth
of July last - - - - - vijs.

15 July, 1620.

Gathered for eleven captives at Argire (qy.
Algiers?), by a brief dated the 12 of De-
cember, 1620 - - - - - xiijs. iv*d.*

vij July, 1621.

Gathered for a Church at Rochester by a brief
dated (left blank) - - - - - xiijs. iv*d.*

xxij July, 1621.

Gathered for Henry Botcher, of Wicken be-
vant (?), in the Countie of Essex, by a
brief dated the xxiiijth of July last - vijs.

Gathered for Will^m Driscoll, of St. Katherine's,
by a brief dated the xxvij of Novemb^r last iijs. viij*d.*

xxiv of July, 1621.

Gathered for the Church at Crimpsford (?), in
Bedfordshire, by a brief dated the vijth of
Maie last - - - - - xijs.

Gathered for Alice Hudson, of St. Andrew's, in
Holborne, by a brief dated xxij March last vijs. vjd.

The vijth of August, 1621.

Gathered for Robert Lawe, Vicar of St. Maries,
in Huntingdon - - - - - vijs.

The xijth of August, 1621.

Gathered for Thomas Peeke, of Luddon, in the
Countie of Norfolk, by a brief dated the
vijth of febr Last - - - - - vs. ijd.

Gathered for Margaret Lowry, widdowe, of
London, by a brief dated the vjth of Feb^r
last - - - - - vijs.

The xixth of August, 1621.

Gathered for Sam Collins' widow by a brief
dated the xxth of January last - - - vs. vd.

The xxvjth of August, 1621.

Gathered for Joyce Wilise, of Dartmouth, in
the County of Devon, by a brief dated the
vijth of June last - - - - - vjs.

Gathered for Thomas Scarborough, of Alveley,
in Essex, by a brief dated the xxijth of
Maie last - - - - - vs. iijd.

The ivth of Septemb^r, 1621.

Gathered for Christofer Bassett, of Whitchurche,
in the Countie of Oxford, by a brief dated
the xxj of October last - - - vs. iiijd.

Gathered for Thomas Davies, of Stepney, by
a brief dated the xxth of November last - iijs. vjd

The xxj of October, 1621.

Gathered for Roger Hornblew, by a brief dated
the xiiijth of this October - - - viijs. vjd.

The xxvth of Novemb^r, 1621.

Gathered for Phillipp Masmre, of T'hile of
Jarsey, by a brief dated the xvj of October
last - - - - - iijs. ivd.

Gathered for Briar Ciprus, of Limehouse, by a
brief dated the xxvijth of September last - iijs. ijd.

The xxjth of December, 1621.

Gathered for William Palmer, of Letherhead,
by a brief dated the xvth of October last - iijs. xd.

The xiiijth of January, 1621 (*o.s.*).

Gathered for Edward Patrick and Elizabeth
Stowell, of Moreclark (Mortlake?), by a
brief dated the 28 Septemb^r last - - - iijs. viijd.

The xxvijth of January, 1621.

Gathered for John Tarbott, of Pontsforth, in
Devon, by a brief dated the vjth of October
last - - - - - iijs. vjd.

The xth of ffebruary, 1621.

Gathered for Henry Bollyn, of Shene, in the
County of Middsx., by a Brief dated the
vjth of December last - - - vs. vd.

The xxivth of ffeb^r, 1621.

Gathered for John Casella, a urchun, by a brief
dated the xth of Novemb^r last - - - vs.

Gathered for Tho. Lowne, of , by a brief
dated the xxth daye of January last - viis. ijd.

The xvijth of Marche, 1621.

Gathered for the inhabitants of Mildenhall,
in the County of Suffk, by a brief dated
the xvj Decem^r - - - - - vjs. iij*d*.

The xxiiijth of Marche, 1621.

Gathered for John Lymelis, of Lymehouse, by
a brief dated the third of October last - iijs. vij*d*.
Gathered for John Browne, of Worplesdon, in
the Countie of Surr, by a brief dated the
xxjth of dec^r last - - - - - iijs. iiij*d*.

The last of March, 1622.

Gathered for Henry Crosbye, of East Green-
wich, by a brief dated the xvjth, 1620 - iijs. v*d*.
Gathered for Robert Ingram, of the parish of
Lambeth, Collier, by a brief dated the
xxvijth of octob^r last - - - - - iijs. viij*d*.

The vjth of April, 1622.

Gathered for Richard Knott, of St. Katherins,
Mariner, by a brief dated the iiijth of feeb-
ruary last - - - - - iijs. viij*d*.

The xiiij of April, 1622.

Gathered for Thomas Hodder, of Bridport, in
the Countie of Dorsett, by a brief dated
the xxth of January last - - - - - viijs. iij*d*.

The vth of May, 1622.

Gathered for the Procurator gen^l of the
Covent of Golgatha, in Jerusalem, by a
brief dated the viijth of October last - vs. j*d*.
Gathered the 12 of Maie, 1622 - - - - - vjs. v*d*.

The xixth of Maie, 1622.

- Gathered for Robert Post, of Shipbourne, in the
 Countie of Kent, by a brief dated the xjth
 of ffeb^y last - - - - iiijs. viij*d*.
 Gathered for Will^m Carson, of Tylmestone, in
 the Countie of Kent, by a brief dated the
 iiijth daie of Decemb^r Last - - - viijs.

The xxxth of June, 1622.

- Gathered for Thomas Dallyn, of Henley-upon-
 Thames, by a brief dated the fifth of ffeb-
 ruary last - - - - vjs.
 Gathered for Thomas Heggess, of Maidenhead,
 in the County of Bucks, by a brief dated
 the seacond of April last - - - iiijs. vjd.

The vjth of July, 1622.

- Gathered for one Grove, of White Waltham, in
 the County of Barks, dated the xvjth of
 Marche last - - - - xxijs. ij*d*.

The xxivth of July, 1622.

- Gathered for Yarmouth haven by a brief dated
 the first of June last - - - - xxxs. xd.

(On same page :)

March y^e 15th, 1656.

- Gathered at ye Church for a poore Min-
 nister who had greate Losse - £09 cos. ood.

(The next date is :)

The 30 of Juen, 1661.

- Collected in the Parish Church of Hackney, in
 the County of Midd., ffor a brefs for Great
 Dratenn, in Shropsher - - - £ s. d.
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Colected 7 July, 1661, ffor a brefe ffor Thomas Welby, for his los at See, the som of	- 00 17	1½
Colected y ^e 14 July, 1661, ffor a Breef ffor Elmely Casebin (Emily probably), Worstowsher, y ^e som	- - - 01 01	5½
Colected 14 of July, 1661, for a breef ffor Edward Ireland, of Goles (Giles?) Creypelgate, London, y ^e som of	- - - 00 13	6
Colected 28 of July, 1661, ffor y ^e lose of y ^e inhabetans of Ilemister, in the County of Sumersate	- - - 1 18	10
Colected y ^e 4 August, 1661, ffor ye los of Christhe Squier & John Sawens, in the County of Cant.	- - - 1 02	0½
Colected y ^e 4 of August, 1661, ffor y ^e Los of Yshalleylo Dandolo, a converted torke (Turk)	- - - 17	1
Colected y ^e 11 th of August, 1661, for y ^e Los of the inhabetanns of Bulling Creek, in the Conty of Lingcolen	- - - 1 4	6
Colected y ^e 11 th of August, 1661, for the los of some of the inhabetanse of Sen. Dunstans, in the West London	- - - 1 08	3
Colected y ^e 18 th of August, 1661, on a breefe for y ^e Los of Mr. Robert Dutton, of Chester	0 15	8
Colected y ^e 25 th of August, 1661, ffor a breef for Repen (Ripon?), in the County of York	0 16	6
Colected y ^e 1 th of September, 1661, ffor a breef ffor Oxford	- - - 0 15	4
Colected y ^e 15 th of September, 1661, ffor a breef ffor Cuxton, in Laster shere	- - 0 17	1

Collected y ^e 10 th of November, 1661, upon a Letter petitioning (?) ffor the distressed protestants in the Great Dukedome of Lithuania - - - - -	3 10 3
Collected y ^e 8 th of december, 1661, ffor a loss by fire at East Hagboringe, in the County of Berkes - - - - -	0 11 9
Collected 5 th of January, 1661, ffor y ^e Los of Christophilus (? Christians or Christopher), at Torkie - - - - -	1 17 4
Collected y ^e 19 th of January, 1661, ffor a breek for Milton Abbas, in the County of Dorset	0 17 4
Collected y ^e 2 th of ffeberary, 1661, ffor a breek for Moretlack (Mortlake), in the County of Surrey - - - - -	0 07 1
Collected ye 23 th of ffeberry, 1661, ffor a breek for Methringam, in the county of Lincohne	0 14 10
Collected y ^e 16 th of March, 1661, ffor a breek Sowerby, in The County of York - - - - -	0 13 3
Collected y ^e 30 th of March, 1662, ffor a breek for Buckingham town - - - - -	0 12 8
John Bradle and Mr. Joseph Marshall, Church- wardens of this parish hath receifed for breefes ffrom the 13 July, 1661, to y ^e 30 th of March, 1662 - - - - -	£25 13 5
Collected y ^e 13 th of Aprill, 1662, ffor a breek ffor ann Walter, of pedrese (?), in the County of Sorey, the som of 14s. 1d., and gave that day - - - - -	£00 14 1

Colected y^e 11th of May, 1662, ffor Dafed Long,
in the County of Wick (?), y^e som of 14s. - 00 14 0

Colected y^e 1th of June, 1662, ffor a breef for
Bridgenorth, in the County of Salop, the
som of - - - - - I I 0

Colected the 13th of July, 1662, ffor the parish
of Welland, in the County of Worcester,
towards the reeBuilding of the parish
Church - - - - - 0 18 00

The 17th of August, 1662.

Colected for a Breefe for Loss by fire in y^e
Strand in the parish of sen Martenes in y^e
feldes - - - - - I 04 00

The 8 of March, 1662.

Colected ffor a Los by fire at Hexham, in the
County of Northumberland, y^e some - I 14 00

The 12th of Aperl, 1663.

Colected ffor a Breef ffor Kintburijn, in the
County of Berks - - - - - 0 14 00

The 12 April, 1663.

Colected for John Jones, of Shepyard, in West-
minster - - - - - 0 14 00

The 26 of Aperll, 1663.

Colected upon a breef ffrom High Eriall, in the
County of Salop, the som - - - - - I 09 00

The 24 May, 1663.

Colected for y^e Repairing of Church at Graives-
end, in the County of Cant., y^e som - I 19 00

The 10 of May, 1663.

Collected ffor a Breef ffor the Repairing Harwich
Church, in the County of Essex, y^e som - 1 07 0½

The 31 of May, 1663.

Collected ffor a Breef ffor John Elles, of Malton,
in the County of Cambreg, y^e som - 1 11 3

The 28 of June, 1663.

Collected upon a Breef ffor a Los by ffine at
Teverton, in y^e County of Devon, the
som of - - - - - 1 10 6

(The pence in the preceding cannot always be discerned
from the binding covering that column.)

Briefs, p. 82, Churchwarden's Account, 1753 and part of 1754.

1753.

		£	s.	d.
July 15.	Rec ^d for Northweel, Yoxal, and Wat- lington Brief for fire - - -	15	7	½
Sep. 23.	Rec ^d for Bighton, in Southampton, Brief for fire - - -	1	1	3½
Oct. 21.	Rec ^d for Thornton Chapple Brief in the County of York - - -	1	3	10
Nov. 18.	Rec ^d for Howarth (? Haworth), Chapple Brief in Com. York - - -	10	10	

1754.

Jan. 22.	Rec ^d for Amesbury Fire Brief in Com. Wilts, spent 13s. 6d. - - -	6	5	3
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		£9	16	10
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(This money, £9 16s. 10d., was paid to Eliz^a Witlas, or
Witler, in Coleman Street, but why so paid is not stated.)

King's Letter.

1754.

	£	s.	d.
Ma. 15. Rec ^d collected on the King's letter	- 19	13	6
Spent for Dinner, 1s. 6d., a person that spent y ^e Day collecting the Letter 9 persons	-	13	6
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Paid into the Chamber of London Mar. 22	£19	0	0
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Cash received Upon the Briefs.

1756.

	£	s.	d.
May 16. For Hemsley, in the Com. of York, an Inundation	-	1	9
June 20. For Robert Town & Holbeton, in the Co. of York and Devon by Fire	-	1	18
August 8. For Penton Mewsey, in the Com. of Southampton, Losses by Fire	-	1	16
Septem. 12. For Ruthin Church, in the Comp. of Denbigh	-	1	2
Septem. 26. For Morton Church, in the Co. of Nottingham	-	13	8
October 25. For Newenden, Rolvenden, &c., in the Co. of Kent & Sussex	-	11	9
Novemb ^r . For Clunn Church, in Com. Salop	-	11	7
Decem. 12. For Preese Church, in the Co. of Salop	-	12	9

1757.

Jan. 9. For Lightcliffe Chapel, in the Co. of York	-	10	8
Feb. 27. For Heathfield Church, in the Com. of Sussex	-	13	1½
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	£20	19	1
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The King's Letter.

1756.

	£	s.	d.
Dec ^r 10. Received of Sir Thomas Harrison, Knt., & Chamberlain of London, his Majesty's Bounty money - -	£22	0	0

1757.

Mar. 31. Collected by the King's Letter -	22	3	0
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	£44	3	0
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January 19, 1757. Paid His Majesty's Bounty Money To
the 88 Following People.

	£	s.	d.
Then follow lists of people who had 5s. each in Church Street, Mare Street, Well Street, Homerton, Clapton, Shacklewell, Kingsland, Newington, Darleston, amounting to -	£22	0	0

1757.

April 1. Paid into the Chamber of London as collected on the other side - -	22	3	0
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	£44	3	0
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1757. The Fast Day's Collection and How distributed
February the 16.

	£	s.	d.
Friday, February the 11. Collected at the Church door on this day - -	£14	19	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Feb. 16. Added to this collection by Mr. Tre- maux - - - -	1	1	0
Do. by Mr. John Tyssen - - - -	1	6	
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	£16	2	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
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Vide the book appointed to be kept in the Vestry for those who receive the several gifts giv'n in money, folio 7 and 8.

£16 2 0 $\frac{3}{4}$

We annex a note of Collections at Lyminge, near Folkestone, as somewhat connected with Hackney; Lyminge, Northfleet, and Hackney being benefices held, with others, by Cardinal Gauselinus at the same time. Lyminge Church, on the site of a Roman Basilica, has been carefully restored, and some of the small, round-headed windows, arched with Roman tiles, look as if they might have belonged to the Basilica.

Collections made in the church during the Protectorate (from vol. i. of the Register), 1538-1679.

	£	s.	d.
For the town of Marlborough, July 24th, 1653	£2	0	3
1658. May 3. By command from His Highness the Lord Protector, towards the relief of the distressed Protestants of Poland -		10	11
1658. For relief of the inhabitants and Hermitage of Wapping - - - -		10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
1659. July 3. Collected by order from the Keeper of the liberties of England (? Cromwell) for the Corporation of Southwold, in Suffolk - - - - -		15	10

(If the date of the Register—1538—is correctly given, it must be one of the earliest known.)



Extracts from the Minutes of the Select Vestry.



In the Appendix to the pamphlet entitled "Some Account of the Monuments in Hackney Church," extracts were given from the Vestry Minutes. The following extracts are in addition to and in continuation of the said Appendix.

Maij y^e 24th (1658).

At a meeting in y^e Vestrey (Publicque notice being given in y^e church two severall Lord's Dayes before) ffor y^e p^rventing of y^e increasing & multyplying of y^e poore.

At w^{ch} meeting it was put to question whether it were necessary to have a Beadle for y^e purpose aforesaid or not, which was unanimously resolved on the affermytive. The worke of y^e Beadle being agreed upon as is hereafter memōned, The second question is what yearly allowance y^e said Beadle shall have, which is agreed & ordered to be Twenty pounds a yeare & a coate. The next question is, how the 20*li*. a year aforesaid shall be raised, which was ordered & agreed that y^e poor's booke be raised one fourth parte upon the Inhabitants onely, And to be gathered wth y^e poore's money by the overseers of y^e poore successively, and by them to be payed to y^e Churchwardens Quarterly, who are accordingly ordered to pay the same to y^e Beadle, The first quarter to commence from y^e 24th of June next.

There were then othere severall psons petitioned & sought for y^e said office of a Beadell, And it is ordered & agreed by a full consent that Nicholas Browne be Beadle as aforesaid, during his good behaviour and y^e pleasure of y^e parrish. It is also ordered that y^e said Beadle now chosen shall make it his constant daylie business & Im-
 ploy^mt to vissit all y^e severall divisions, hamlets, streets, p^{ts}, & places, of this p^rish, & diligently & faithfully execute his said office upon all occasions to y^e utmost of his power, And from tyme to tyme, once in 2 days, he doe attend upon some of y^e Justices in y^e parrish to give an account of what he findes, and to receive further instructions & comānds concerning his office as they shall thinke fitt. And he is from tyme to tyme to acquainte y^e constables & hed baurrowes, of Inmates or any other thing concerning their office, & to crave their assistance as occasion shall require. It is ordered that y^e Churchwardens shall pay Henry Hertford six shillings for passing of vagrants.

June y^e first (1659).

At a meeting in the Vestery, After publicque notice given in y^e church, the Churchwardens & Mr. Robert Perwich & Mr. William Grey (according to an order of y^e 16th of May last) made report of their opinion, both of y^e place, where to erect a Gallery in y^e church (w^{ch} they conceive will be best in the midell Isle from the greate dore to y^e second pillar), and of y^e charge thereof, vidz^t, an hundred pounds. And did therewith p^rsent a draught, or designe, of y^e observaçons of y^e same. In pursuance whereof it was then ordered, that Mr. Robert Perwich should p^rpare a p^ramble to a paper, and speedily present it (by y^e hande of some fitt p^rsons) to such honourable & worthy prishoners as have not yet heard of it, and take their subscriptions, and make reporte at y^e next Meeting; what some of money may be raised for y^e perfecting of soe good a worke.

Octob^r y^e 17th (1659).

Now taking into consideration the decayes & delapidations of y^e Church both with in & without, doe think fitt for and towards y^e Reparacon thereof, & for y^e Repaying of y^e walls & Inclosures of y^e churchyard (according to an Ordenance of y^e Lords & Comons in parl^{ent} of the nyth of ffebruary (1647) to make a rate & assessm^t by taxing of every Inhabitant, occupier of Lands, houses, & tythes, &c., in such competent some or sums of money as is equall to one whole year's Rate or tax for y^e poore of this parish, w^h is One hundred & Twenty pounds or thereabouts.

It is ordered that the Churchwardens doe give notice to Capt. Richard Blackwall, or whom it doth concerne, to take Care for the Repayres of the Chancell, both within & without, as need requires that it may be done, together wth y^e Church.

A few of the pensions granted April 30 (1660).

It is ordered that these poore people hereafter mentioned shall be pensioners, and to have for their pensions as follows, vidzt: Ould John Cooper shall have 2s. a month; And William Smith and his wife shall have 2s. a month; And Robert Boulton & his wife shall have 4s. a month; And wido. Batteridge shall have 2s. a month; And goody Cabell shall have 2s. a month; And y^e wido. Douc shall have 2s. a month; And y^t ould wido. Barton shall have her pension augmented from 4s. to 5s. a month. And these poore children hereafter named are lefte to y^e discession of y^e Churchwardens for y^e putting forth of ffoure of them this p^{sent} year. Vidz^t, The son of goodman Inot; The sonn of goodman Wilde; the sonn of goodman Presson; one of y^e wido. Clark's children; Goodman London's child; The wido. Ward's sonn; The wido. Smith's child in Humerton.

May 27 (1660). These were appointed to confer with some gentlemen of Islington :

Rob ^t Wilding, Esq.	Sir Henry Rowe, Knt.,
Bartho. Nicoll.	Mr. Robert Perwick.
John Shelley.	Mr. W ^m Grey.
Joseph Marshall.	Mr. John Warner.
Mark Hildesley, Esq.	Francis Bickley, Esq.
Richard Cheaney, Esq.	Hugh Norris, Esq.
Maior Tho ^s Salmon.	Abraham Johnson, Esq.

May 2^d (1661).

At which meeting Sir Thomas Viner did acquaint y^e vestry that Charles Whitmore, Esq., was willing to give freely and willingly tenn pounds to be freed from y^e offices, vidzt., from being Suveior overseer for y^e poore (& churchwarden), though he might have been freed by his being in commission for y^e peace, for y^e w^h xli. he is freed from y^e said offices accordingly, and hath payd the said xli. to Mr. Johnson.

15 Septemb^r, 1661.

The Parishon^{rs} of Hackney being this day somond to appear in the Vestry to consider the pressing extraordinary Necesiteys of theare poore in this tyme of Sicknes and Mortalitie, the parsons hereafter Named Meeting according to Somons, have ordered a further Asseasm^t of halfe soo Much as the Poors Book is rated at for this yeare, to be made for the releafe of the poore aforesaid, being impotent, Sick, deseased, and Lame Parsons, w^{ch} said asseasm^t shall comenc the xxviith of April, 1661.

Sir Robert Dycer, Knt.	Mr. Ralph Triplet.
Sir Thomas Playe, Knt.	Coll. Bradley } Church-
Coll. Rob ^t Wilding.	Mr. Marsh } wardens.
Mr. Symon Midelton.	Naylor and Cutts, constables.

Wee whose Name bee her Underwritten, Surviving vestree men of the prish of hackney, in the Countie of Midd^x, Impowered by an Instrum^t or Grant by the then Bish^p of this Diossos, bearing date Ninth of Decemb^r, 1613, for the settling, Seleckting, & chusing a certen Number thurtee two beside the parson, Vicker, and Curat, and the Churchwardens doe now Nominat and appoint to be Vestree men accordinge to the said Instrum^t as far as lawfully we may.

Witnes o^r hands the xxij^d of Octob^r, 1661.

(Signed) WILLIAM SPURSTOWE, D.D., Vic.

THO^s VYNER.

FRA. BICKLEY.

RICH. BLACKWALL.

JOHN BRADLEY.

THO. SALMON.

JOHN HOBBS.

ROB^t SKINGLE.

RICHARD BARROCLOUGHE.

JOHN BRADLEY & Churchwarden

JOSEPH MARSHALL.

Col. Owen Rowe was present in the Vestry 2 May, 1660.
Hugh Norris, Esq., present July 4 (1660).

April 16th (1661). Anthony Gambold, upon a certificate under y^e hands of y^e Com^{is}ioners for maimed Soldiers at Eeley house, was ordered to have a pension of 4*l*. a month.

In conformitie to the Instrum^t of the ninth day of Decemb^r, 1613, from the Bish^p of this dyosses aforesaid, have made choyce accordingly of the Most Emynent, ablest, Antiant of the said parish, for the supply of Vestry Men, whose Names are heare Under written.

The Ryght hon^{ble} Robart Lord Brooke, Baron, of Brooke Cort.*

* Brook House, Clapton, may have been then so called.

Sir Robart Dycer, Baronet.
Sir Thomas Plear (Player), Knyght.
Henry Rowe, Esq^r.
Charles Whitmore, Esq^r.
Richard Cheaney, Esq^r.
Thomas Thorold, Esq^r.
Sumwra Raynscroft, Esq.
Henry Monger, Esq^r.
Thomas Browne, Esq^r.
Abraham Johnson, Esq^r.
Symon Midelton, Esq^r.
William Beatson, Esq^r.
Nathaniel Barnardiston, Esq^r.^{*}
George Clarke, Esq^r.
John Bradley, Esq^r.
Thomas Salmon, Esq^r.
Mr. Ralph Triplett.
Robert Skingler, Curatt.
Mr. John Roulfe.
Mr. (illegible).
Mr. Moyses Jenkins.
Mr. Thomas Sims.
Mr. John Warner.
Mr. James Winstanley.
Mr. James Taylor.
Mr. John Terrell.
Mr. George Hocknall.

August 30th, 1664.

At a Vestrey then held by the parishioners of the Parish of Hackney, It was agreed and concluded by the Parishioners that a petition bee presented to the Chancellour of the Diocesse of London, that he will please to graunt his Commission to such of this parrish as he shall thinke fitt, to

* See Notes.

impower them to make a proportionable Rate upon the Inhabitants for the Raising of *j50*li.** towards payment of the parrish Debts, contracted for the repayre of the said parrish Church; And also for the repayre of present Defecte and Decaye of the sayd Church.

Also it is agreed and ordered at the same tyme that the pew formerly in the pössion of Willim Bayley, Esq., deceased, shall bee to S^r Thomas Player, Knight, and his ffamily, soe long as hee & they shall live in the sayd parrish of Hackney.

	(This is signed)	THO ^s . VYNER.
HEN. ROWE.		ROB ^t . DICER.
		THO ^s . PLAYER.
		ROB ^t . WILDING.
		W ^m . BEAUMONT.
HENRY MONGER.		ROB ^t . SKINGLE.
		ROB ^t . BROWNE.
	JOSIAH RICOFT,	} Churchwardens.
	THOMAS BROWNE,	
	JOHN CUTT,	

Sydesmen were chosen March 28th, 1665, namely :

MR. ROBERT NICOLLS,	} Sydesmen.
MR. THOMAS LEECH,	

July 16th, 1665.

At a Vestrey held the sayd day, It was agreed and concluded by the Gentlemen undernamed, by reason of the Increase of the Plague in and about the City of London, That Mr. Jemson, the vicar, & the present Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore doo nominate & choose in the parrish fower woemen that are honest & of good repute to bee Nurses within the sayd parrish, if in case it shall please Almighty God to visitt any in the sayd parrish with the sayd disease.

That they shall bee allowed fower shillings a month a piece, during their Lives as pensioners, and alsoe twenty

shillings by the month a piece during the tyme they shall attend any sick person.

That there be fower bearers chosen as aforesaid, who are to be allowed fower shillings by the week a piece during the tyme of the Infection.

That there be a close cover made for the Church coffin.

That there be a Sedan made & provided by the Churchwardens for the removing of the sick to the pest-house.

Sept. 5th, 1665.

. . . . It was further ordered that severall Gentlemen in the name of the Vestrey be requested to goe to the sev'all Lodgers in the parish, to aske & receive their Charitie for the reliefe of the visitors' poore, namely: Mr. Bushell for Humerton, Mr. Barraclough and Mr. Cutts for Church Streete & Mare Street, Mr. Byfield and Mr. Eades for Well Streete and Grove Streete, Mr. Robert Nicoll and Mr. Henry Hartford for Clapton, & Mr. Joseph Marshall & Mr. John Rymill (?) for Kingsland, Darlston, Shaklewell & Newington.

Jan^y. 9th, 1665 (o.s.).

It was this day voted & ordered by the Vestrey that Mr. Robert Skingle, the present Schoolmaster, bee removed out of that Employment, And that the parishioners doe forthwith proceed to the choosing of another. And that in the meane tyme the Schoolhouse be locked upp by the Churchwarden, & that noe Usher (? other) be admitted of but such a person as the Vestrey shall appoint. The reasons of Mr. Skingle's Ejectment are meñsoned in the Margent [the last sentence interpolated]. It was further ordered that Mr. Josiah Rycroft, the present Churchwarden, doth sett upp an organ in the parrish Church of Hackney, And that he shall have the libertie to erect it, either in the body of the Church, or in the Chancell . . .

It was also ordered that a Beadle bee chosen at the next Vestrey for the Service of the parrish.

(Reasons in the Margin.)

His wilfull Neglect and Refusall to returne to his School after severall sumons from the Vicar, Churchwardens, & divers of the rest of the Inhabitants of the parish.

2nd. ffor his Sallary of 20*li.* p ann. it doth not appeare that he hath educated any Scholler either to the Universitie, Inns of Court, Inns of Chancery, or any other good Im-
ployment.

3rd. Also hath for the receipt of money suffered severall children to goe to school to persons reputed non-formiste, & did take a bill for 40*s.*, &c. And of Mr. Geo. Hocknell to permitt his children to goe to Schoole to a person of that qualification.

Feb. 6th, 1665.

Whereas Mr. Rob^t. Skingle, late Schoolmaster of the ffree Schole, in the parrish of Hackney, was by a former order of Vestrey voted and ordered out of the said office of School Master for severall reasons then alledged; And whereas the said Mr. Skingle doth obstinately refuse to relinquish & desist from the sayd Im-
ployment, and doth threaten to contest it by a Suit at Law: Nowe wee whose Hands are hereunder written doe promise & engage to assist Mr. Rycroft, the present Churchwarden, in defending him against the suites of the sayd Mr. Skingle, which he shall commence upon the Accompt of the s^d schole, & the chardges to be allowed out of the parrish stock by the sayd Mr. Rycroft, or his successours: the Churchwardens that shall be.

(Here follow seventeen signatures.)

It was this day ordered at a Vestrey that in case Mr. Jemson, the present Vicar of this parrish of Hackney, shall

think fitt to imploy Mr. Skingle or any other person as Reader under him, that the parrish shall not be lyable to give satisfaccon to the person soe imployed by the sayd Mr. Jemson.

(The Churchwarden to enter an action for Trespass against the schoolmaster for keeping possession after order of Vestrey for his resignation. A deputation was sent to acquaint the Bishop of London with the circumstances.)

April 3rd, 1666.

It was this day ordered & agreed upon by the Vestrey, according to instructions from the Right Honourable the Privey Councill, that the Churchwarden doth forthwith cause a convenient Quantitie of unslaked Lyme & also of gravel, or some other Earth, to bee layed upon the graves of those persons that dyed of the plague during the tyme of the late Contagion.

(Demand made on the Skinner's Company for £35, due to the parish, the gift of Mrs. Audley, at present detained by reason of some false suggestion.)

(July 8, 1666. The Churchwarden to prosecute the Schoolmaster both at the Common Lawe and in the Bishop's Court.)

Octo^r. 28th, 1666.

It was then ordered at a Vestrey held by the Gentlemen & parishioners whose names are underwritten, with the Consent of the Lords of the Mannor of Hackney, that Mr. Richard Marshe, the psent Churchwarden, should defend the interest and Right of the parrish, in that part of the Comon belonging to the said Parish, & which lyes behind the Spittle neere unto Kingsland, & now in dispute between the parrish of Islington & this parrish of Hack-

ney, and that his expenses should be allowed him out of the parrish stock.

(This Suit in lawe cost £13 1s.)

(Tho^s. White, organist, to be paid 28s. by the month for his paines in that Employment.)

(The Vestrey goo to Councill concerning Mr. Robinson, his digging upp of the ffootwaye neere the Virginia leading to London.)

Mr. J^{no}. Cutts, the present Churchwarden, should advise with Mr. Northey about the Tytle Mr. Robert Nabors hath to the Baker's house in Mare Street. And if in case he finds the Tytle to be goode, that then he proceed to the buying of the same for the use of the poore of the parrish, with the money given to the parrish by Sir Thomas Vyner & Mr. Thomas Vyner, his sonne, deceased.

Jan^y. 31st, 1668.

It was then ordered by the Vestrey that the Churchwardens should treat with the Company of Skinners about the payment of Mrs. Audley's gift, and if in case they would pay the money without any more trouble or chardge, that hee should abate them Twenty pounds in consideration of their losses they rec^d by the ffire, but upon noe other consideracon whatsoever.

Nov. 7th, 1669.

It was then ordered at the Vestry that noe Churchwarden of this parrish for the tyme to come shall expend or lay out above fforty shillings in goeing the Bounds of the parrish.

Nov^r. 30th, 1669.

A Vestrey being then held for the choosing of a Lecturer, Doctor Worthington beeing in Nomination, was

elected and chosen by a generall consent to officiate in that Employment for the space of a yeare, after the tyme of his Entrance; And for his Incouragement the Gentlemen then present did resolve upon a Subscription which should amount to the sume of fowerscore pounds or thereabouts for the sayd yeare.

June 5th, 1670.

At this Vestrey Trustees were chosen & appointed for the looking after the Almshouses left to the Parrish by Mr. Henry Monger, whose names are as followeth :

Richard Cheney, Esq ^r .	Abraham Johnson, Esq ^r .
Robert Wilding, Esq ^r .	Mr. Thomas Sallmon.
Mr. Geo. Hockenhull.	Mr. James Vaughan.
Mr. Joseph Marshall.	Mr. J ^{no} . Cutts.

At this Vestrey it was ordered that a Reader should bee allowed under Doctor Worthington & Mr. Jemson.

And also it was further ordered that Sir Stephen White should be excused from all Church offices in consideration of his Gift of One hundred pounds bestowed freely upon the parrish, & that his Nephew & Neice should be forthwith accommodated with a pewe in the Church.

(S^r George Vyner was present.)

March 26th, 1671.

At a Vestrey held the day & year above written Doctor Worthington was chosen & continued Lecturer for the yeare ensueinge by the generall Consent of the sayd Vestrey, and the Gentlemen here undernamed and then present did promise to give & continue their Subscriptions as they were the last yeare.

July 11th, 1671.

It was ordered at a Vestrey then held that the money

received at Sacramente shall bee and remaine in the hands of the Churchwardens, to be disposed of by them. Also that the Sexton for the future shall pr'vyde but three quartes of Wine at a Sacrament, but if there bee occasion for more hee may forwith fetch it.

Oct^r. the ffirst, 1671. . .

. . . It was also further ordered that the dead wall between the Screene and the first Windowe of the South Syde of the body of the Church bee left free for S^r George Vyner to build a Gallary against at his owne pleasure, for himself and his ffamily.

Nov. y^e 5th, 1671.

Whereas the Schoolmaster's place of this parrish of Hackney is at this tyme voyd by the death of Mr. Robert Skingle, And whereas the Vicar and Churchwardens have at this Vestry, according to the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Margaret Audley, dec^d., elected and chosen Mr. Jonathan Bowles to be Schoolmaster in the stead & place of the said Mr. Robert Skingle, to have and injoy such priviledges and profitts as are set down and appointed by the said last Will and Testament. Nowe wee whose names are here underwritten, Inhabitants of the said Parrish, doe consent, approve, & allowe of the said Choice & Election, upon the condiçons followeing.

That the said Mr. Jonathan Bowles shall very carefully attend the Schoole, And that hee shall freely teach twelve of the poore Inhabitants' Children, such as shall bee allowed of by the Vicar & Churchwardens of the sayd parrish for the time beeing.

April 1st, 1673.

. . . Mr. John Brooks being chosen Collector for the Poore, is excused by reason hee was a Collector of a rate in the Sicknes yeare.

July 13, 1673.

It was ordered & agreed upon at the Vestry that an Assesment bee forthwith made after the rate of the poores Book to & for the re-imbursing of those Gentlemen of the parrish that have lately been distreyned for Ninety One pounds thirteene shillings & fourpence, being upon Issues out of the Exchequer for not repairinge of the highwayes within the parrish.

Nov. 11th, 1673.

It was agreed and ordered at this Vestry that a Vestry be held upon the first Munday in every Month, about fower of the Clocke in y^e afternoone, for taking care of the p'ish affaires, & that the Clarke doe give Notice on the Sabboth day before of every Vestry.

April 21, 1674.

Mr. Sothersbey (? Sotheby) excused from serving the office of Overseer of the poor, paying a fine of four pounds.

April the 6th, 1675.

. . . At this Vestry Mr. Bowles was chosen Lecturer for a year, to commence at Lady Day last.

October the 10th, 1675.

At a Vestry then held it was ordered that an Assessment be made after the rate of halfe the Poors Booke for the further Releife of the Poor of this Parish, and also for the Releife of maim'd Souldiers and Hospitalls. And that Major Desborough should be excused from paying to this Rate.

[Can this be John Desborough, one of Cromwell's Major-Generals?]

Novem^r. 1st, 1675.

Walter Tooker chosen Clerk of this Parish during the pleasure of the Parish.

March 28th, 1676. . .

At this Vestry, Mr. Smithis being nominated to preach on Sundays in the Afternoone, Mr. Tho^s Jameson, Vicar, Granted unto him y^e free use of the Pulpit.

Abbreviations in the following are marked (A.).

Sep. 17th, 1676.

(A.) The Parish not being overcharged with Poor, are to contribute to the Relief of the Poor of Lower Shadwell, in the Parish of Stepney. A deputation was appointed to wait upon the Justices, and bringing certain matters before them as to the Debts of the parish and the payments to the poor, are to request that the parish be excused from such contribution. A Rate was made for the Poor and the relief of maimed soldiers & Hospitals.

March the 1st, 1676.

It was agreed & ordered at this Vestry that there should be sufficient gates, with Locks and Keyes, set up in convenient places, for the better security of the Commons of this Parish from all damage that may happen by the riding of Persons thereon, And that the Keyes should be left at houses near adjacent to the said Gates, for all such Parishioners as at any time shall have just occasion to go into the s^d Commons. It was also then ordered that all and singular the Proprietors of Hackney Marsh should pay one penny p Ann. towards the charge of setting up the said Gates.

April 17, 1677.

. . . Mr. Jex being chosen Overseer of the Poor, pleading his priviledge as Barrister-of-Law, was excused from that office.

. . . Mr. Blundell, in consideration of his being one of His Maj^{ties} Yeomen of the Guard at Whitehall, was excused from y^e said Office.

(Ald^{an}. Blackhall present.)

September the 25th, 1677.

At a Vestry then held it was agreed and ordered that the Churchwardens should cause a Booke to be p'pared, cont^d onely the Parishion^{rs} names, without any Summs annex^d, to take subscriptions towards the casting and hanging of 6 bells, in regard the great Bell is fallen downe.

Decem^r. 9th, 1677.

(A.) Sir Stephen White, Major Huntingdon, Mr. Pelatiah Barnardiston, Dr. Parker, Mr. Bird, George Dashwood, Esq., Mr. Byfield, & Mr. Johnson, or any three of them, to meet the Ch. Wardens, and consult about the casting of the Bells. Whether all or only some of the Bells should be cast; whether cast into 5 or 6 bells; whether, if 6 bells, to weigh the same or rather more; whether it might not be very proper (considering the largeness of the Parish) that y^e great Bell (to be cast) should be of a greater weight than the psent great Bell.

[Mr. Jameson's name is now spelt properly (as we should think), and not Jemson.]

It was decided to cast 6 bells.

Mr. Bartlet, the ffounder, to cast & hang 6 bells, with materials, for £103.

Extra mettle to be charged £5 per cwt.

Deputation to Whitechapel to see to the weight.

April 7th, 1678.

At a Vestry then held S^r Steven White, Dr. William Parker, & Mr. Pelatiah Barnardiston were chosen Trustees forr Ald^{an}. Spurstow's Almshouses.

July 21st, 1678.

The L^d Bpp. Wood was present.

Decem^r. 29th, 1678.

(A.) W^m. Bird chosen a Trustee for Ald^{an}. Spurstow's Almshouses in the room of S^r Steven White, K^t., lately deceased.

“ Ex Testamento Stevan White, Milit., &c., ut sequitur, viz^t., Item, I give to the use of the Poor of the Parish of Hackney the Summe of One hundred Pounds, to be by the Parishioners bestowed upon a Peece of Land to be by them bought, the Rent whereof is to be layd out and bestowed in twopenny wheaten Loaves or bread, and distributed every Lord's day amongst the Poor of the said Parish for ever, the w^{ch} Hundred Pounds, given as aforesaid, shalbee paid unto the Churchwardens of the Parish of Hackney, for the time being, so soon as they shall have found out a Peece of Land to bestow the said money upon, and my desire is that the same may bee effected within two years next after my decease at farthest.”

“ Ex Testamento Annæ Wood, vid^{et} dat Aug^t. 2^d., 1675, ut sequitur, viz., Imprimis I give, devise, & bequeath unto S^r Steven White, S^r Tho^s. Marsh, Rich. Cheney, Esq., Abra. Johnson, Esq., Robt. Perwich, Gent., all of the Parish of Hackney, in the County of Middx., afores^d, & their Heirs & Assg^{ns} for ever, all that my ffreehold land cont^d four Acres & one Rood, be the same more or less, lying & being in Hackney Marsh, with all & singular the Appurtenances thereto belonging, Upon Trust That y^e Rents of Profits thereof be for ever employed & disposed of yearly every year in manner & form follo., viz., Twenty Shillings a year thereout to y^e Vicar of y^e said Parish of Hackney for the time being, for a sermon to be preached by him upon the 5th day of November, in comemoracon of y^t great Deliverance of this Nation from the Gun Powd^{er} Treason & the Spanish Invasion in y^e year 1588. And the Remainder of y^e rents, Issues, & Profits of y^e s^d Land to be disposed of by y^e said Vicar & Churchwardens for y^e

time being upon un^y fifth day of November as aforesaid, to & among Sixteen poor widows of honest life & conversation y^t are past their labour, & Inhabitants of the Parish of Hackney aforesaid. And my Will is that when & as often as my said Trustees, by death or otherwise, shall be reduced to the number of three, that then the said three shall convey the p^rmisses to y^e use of themselves & of two such other persons & their heirs & Assigns as they the said Trustees or y^e Survivo^r of them shall think fit upon the trust aforesaid."

A copy of the Deed from the Goldsmith's Comp^a for the paym^t of 5*li.* p Ann. on the 10th of March to the Churchward^{ns} of Hackney for the time being, being the Gift of Mr. Thomas Jameson, Vicar of the s^d parish of Hackney.

This Indenture Tripartite, made the thirteenth day of June, Anno Dni. 1679, And in the one and Thirtieth year of the Raigne of our Sovaigne Lord Charles the second, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, ffrance & Ireland King, Defender of the ffaith, &c. Betweene Thomas Jameson, Vicar of the Parish Church of St. John of Hackney, in the County of Middx., of the first part, the Wardens & Co^monalty of the Mistery of Goldsmiths of the City of London of the Second part, And Josiah Williams, Blacksmith, & Josiah Ebrall, Merchant, Churchwardens of the said Parish of St. John of Hackney, in the County of Middx., of the third part. Whereas the said Thomas Jameson hath at or before the 'n sealing & delivery of these p^rsents paid unto the said Wardens & Co^monalty of the Mistery of Goldsmiths of the City of London, the sume of One hundred pounds of lawfull money of England, with them to remaine for ever, & the Interest thereof after y^e rate of ffive pounds p cent. p ann., to be by them paid unto the Churchwardens of the s^d Parish of St. John of Hackney, in the said County of Middx., & their Successors for the time being, on the tenth day of March

yearly for ever, to & for such uses, intents, & purposes as are hereafter in these p'sents mentioned & expressed; that is to say, To & for y^e Preaching of two Sermons yearly, & every year by the Vicar of the said Parish of Hackney, in the parish Church of Hackney, the one on the day of the passion of our blessed Saviour, usually called Good ffriday, & the other on the ffeast day of the Ascension of our blessed Saviour, usually called Holy Thursday; for each sermon Twenty Shillings to be paid the s^d Vicar there by the then Churchwardens, and the remaining Interest of the s^d One hundred pounds to & for the use of the Poor of the s^d Parish of Hackney to be paid them on the dayes afores^d in two equall portions, viz^t., to ev'y poor person of Sober life & conversation twelve pence as far as the Interest will extend, & in default of the preaching of such sermons as afores^d, the whole Interest of the said One hundred pounds to & for the poor of Hackney afores^d to be paid them on the dayes & in the manner afores^d. Now this Indenture witnesseth that it is covenanted, granted, & conditioned and agreed by & betweene all the said Partys to these p'sents. And the said Wardens and Commonalty of the said Mysterie of Goldsmiths of the City of London, for and in Consideraçon of the s^d sum of One hundred Pounds of lawful money of England, to them paid as aforesaid, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge for themselves & their Successors coven^t, pmissè, grannt & agree to & wth y^e s^d Josiah Williams & Josiah Ebrall & their Successo^{rs}, Churchward^{ns} of y^e said Parish of St. Jn^o. of Hackney for y^e time being, & every of them by these psents, that y^e said Wardens & Comōnalty of y^e Mystery of Goldsmiths, their Success^{ors} or Assigns shall & will well & truly pay or cause to be p^d unto y^e Churchwardens of y^e s^d Parish of St. John of Hackney, or to their Successo^{rs} Churchwardens of the s^d parish for y^e time being for ever, the yearly sum or annual payment of 5*l*. of lawfull money of England on the 10th day of March next ensuing the date

of these p'sents, & so from thenceforth yearly for ever, without fraud or further delay. And y^e s^d Josiah Williams & Josiah Ebrall, for them & their Successo^{rs}, Churchwardens of y^e said Parish of St. Jno. of Hackney, in the County of Middx., that the s^d Churchwardens & their Successo^{rs} shall & will yearly and every year foreu well & truly pay or cause to be paid & distributed the s^d yearly sum of five pounds to the uses, intents, & purposes aforesaid, wthout fraud or further delay. In witness whereof to one part of these p^{rs}^{ts} Indentures wth y^e said Churchward^{ns}, remaining the s^d Wardens & Co^monalty have caused their co^mon Seale to bee put, to one other part thereof, with y^e said Ward^{ns} & Co^monalty remaining, the s^d Tho. Jameson & the said Churchwardens have put their hands & seales, unto the other part thereof, with the said Thos. Jameson remaining, the s^d Churchwardens have set their hands & seales the day & year first above-written.

(A.) Pelatiah Barnardiston deceased prior to Aug. 3^d, 1679.

February 22nd, 1679.

At a Vestry then held, two poor antient Widdows of this Parish, being of honest life and conversation, viz^t., Mary Smith & Dorothy Underwood, were nominated for one of y^e Cottages of Dr. Spurstowe's Almshouses, now void by the death of Elizabeth Shepherd, wid^o, lately deceased.

March 10, 1679.

(A.) Mr. Thos. Jameson, vicar, proposes to surrender his Pulpit to the disposall of the Gentlemen of the Parish. (Probably for the afternoon lecture.)

April 13th, 1680.

(A.) Mr. Will^m. Sedgewick, of London, Merchant, made application for leave to build a Vault in that part of the

Church at the West end of the South Isle, between the Belfry & the Gallery, commonly known by the name of Capt. Salmon's gallery, containing in length from the said Belfry to the gallery aforesaid twelve foot or thereabout, and in breadth from the South Wall of the said Church towards the West door thereof Seven foot or thereabouts, which space was granted for a burial-place to him & his relations for ever. A monument to be set up and £20 paid.

May 5th, 1680 (Bishop Wood present).

Decemb^r. the 28th, 1681.

. . . It was then also agreed that a Watch-house should be forthwith erected on Cambridge Heath, wth two rooms, and that Mr. Acrod and Dr. Baxter bee desired to agree with a Carpenter & Bricklayer about the building thereof, and to oversee the same.

December the 31st, 1682.

At this meeting Mr. Kirke gave the Parish warning to take into their hands at Lady Day next the Marsh land given by the last will of Mrs. Ann Wood, deceased.

It was also agreed that Robert Seward Baker should enjoy the Poor's House, Queen's Head, in Mare Street, for the residue of the terme unexpired in the Lease formerly granted unto Francis Collis, and at the same Rent.

(Among those present was S^r Hugh Myddelton.)

April 10th, 1683.

At this Vestry Mr. Jonathan Bowles was unanimously chosen Lecturer.

Also Mr. Nicholas Millett was chosen Organist during his good behaviour.

May 4th, 1683.

It was then ordered that no charge or expense shall henceforth be allowed any Headborough whatsoever that passeth away a Vagrant to his fellow-Headborow.

Sept. 25th, 1683.

It was then agreed that y^e Mason who pav'd the Church should be called to an acco^t before some Court of Judicature (as Doctors Co^mons, &c.) for the old stones that were carried away from the Church.

It was also agreed that y^e Boarded Houses in Well Street should be forth with repaired.

Nov. 13th, 1683.

Also it was then agreed that an Arch be made over the Coimon Shore at the lower end of Huntington's Close, near Mr. Castaigne's house, at the Parish charge.

Decem^r. 27th, 1683.

At this Vestry was read an order of Sessions at Hicks Hall, made the 10th of this instant Month, requiring the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of this Parish forthwith to pay Joseph Shakemable (one of the Clerks of the said Court) 4*li*. 0*s*. 10*d*., as his due ffees for drawing and copying severall Indictments for the paying of 23*li*. 08*s*. 05½*d*. to the Poor of this Parish as their proportion of ascertained Distresse layd on severall Inhabitants of this Parish by virtue of a late Act of Parlyam^t for p^reventing and suppressing seditious conventicles, w^{ch} said summe was by Mr. Adderley (late Clerke of the Peace) paid over to Dr. Baxter.

Whereupon It was Ordered at this Vestry that the said Dr. Baxter should forthwith pay unto the said Joseph Shakemable the said Summe of 4*li*. 0*s*. 10*d*., he having the same money in his hand. It was then ordered that

some Officer of the Law should be imployd that so Dr. Baxter might be speedily brought to an account for what moneys he hath in his hand of the Parish.

May 13th, 1684.

At this Vestry Sir Hugh Myddelton, Bart., Mr. Thos. Cooke, Mr. Nicholas Cary, Mr. Wm. Northey, Mr. Thos. Brookes, Mr. Thos. Leach, Mr. Ralph Harwood, Mr. Thos. Bennett, Mr. Henry Wilson, Mr. Wm. Garston, Mr. Richd. Marshe, & Mr. Joseph Marshall were by virtue of a Comission (lately granted by the Lord Bpp. of London for the Constituting and confirming a Select Vestry in this Parish) chosen Vestrymen in the roome of Geo. Dashwood, Richd. Cheyney, Hen. Chitty, Robt. Huntington, & Steven Thornely, Esq^{res.}, Mr. Jno. Acrod, Mr. Steven White, & Mr. Joseph Marshall, *deceased*. Mr. Thos. Baxter, Mr. Geo. Hockenhull, Mr. Peter Joye, & Mr. Jno. Whitmore removed out of the Parish.

March 11th, 1685.

And whereas y^e number of Schools hath of late years been increased in y^e parish, and complaint is made for want of convenient places to sit in at Church: It was therefore ordered that those Gentlewomen schools that are already accommodated wth Galleries should content thèmselves with their Galleries, & be no longer allowed the use of any other seats or Pews, as formerly hath bin done.

March 22, 1685.

Whereas the Schoolmaster's Place of this Parish of Hackney is at this time void by the death of Mr. Jonathan Bowles, Wee, the Minister, Churchwardens, & other Inhabitants of the s^d Parish, whose names are hereunder written, being by the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Margaret Audley, deceased, virtually intrusted from time

to time with y^e choice of the said Schoolmaster, have at this Vestry freely and with one consent chosen Mr. John Lupton in the stead & place of y^e said Mr. Jonathan Bowles, to enjoy all such profits as are appointed and given by the said will. To commence from the 25th of this Instant March next coming. Upon condition that y^e said Mr. Jno. Lupton shall carefully teach Twelve Boyes of the Parish free, who shall from time to time be recommended unto him by y^e Minister, Churchwardens, & 12 of y^e Gentlemen of y^e Vestry, & that y^e s^d Mr. Lupton enter into such other Coven^{ts} as we shall think fit to tender him.

April the 6th, 1686.

Mr. Nehemiah Moorehouse was then unanimously chosen to be lecturer for one year, to commence from Lady Day last past, And Mr. James Dunkerly was chosen Organist during his good behaviour. It was then also agreed that a new schoolehouse should be built, and Subscriptions be gotten towards so good a worke.

Among those present were the L^d. Bp. Wood, S^r Jno. ffreind, Hen. Rowe, Esq., Thos. Cass, Esq., Thos. Cooke, Esq.

May the 9th, 1686.

At this Vestry, a discourse arising that Several Persons had made application for a Seating in the Church, Search was thereupon made in the Vestry Booke to discover by what right Mrs. Cruttenden enjoyed the Gallery she and her Schollers now sit in, and it appearing by an order of Vestry, dated 1st Octobr., 1671, that the s^d gallery was to be & remaine unto Mr. Thos. Salmon & his wife during their lives, It was therefore ordered that the said Mrs. Cruttenden be made acquainted therewith, that she may come and make out her claim to y^e Gallery aforesa^d.

Dec^r. 28th, 1686.

At this Vestry Thos. Cooke, Esq., Dr. Parker, Mr. Trotman, & Mr. Estwick were desired to treat with the Heirs of S^r Tho. Vyner about purchasing a Peece of ground for building a free School.

. . . It was also ordered that Mr. Singclear should have & enjoy to the sole use of him & his Scholars during his continuance in the Parish the two Pews under Mrs. Perwich, her Gallery, viz^t., that Pew where some of her family commonly sate, and the Pew that leads immediately to y^e pish Vault.

April the 23th, 1687.

. . . It was also agreed that Mr. Beauvoir, upon his giving of Twenty Guineys to the Parish, should have & enjoy for himself & family during their abode at y^e Baulmes, the Gallery lately belonging to Mr. Whitmore.

A Legacy given by the last Will & Testament of y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Gilbert, Earl of Clare, deceased, bearing date May the 28th, 1687, to the Poor of that part of the Parish of Hackney called Clapton, in these words :

“Also I give to the Poor of that part of the Parish of Hackney called Clapton, near Lond^o, where I was borne, the Summ of Ten pounds.”

April the 2nd, 1689.

. . . Mr. Jno. Strype was then by the majority of hands chosen Lecturer for one year, to comēce from Lady Day last past.

Septemb^r the 14th, 1689.

At this Vestry Francis Tyssen, Esq., was unanimously chosen a Vestryman in the room of Ald^{an}. Blackall, lately deceased.

Buryall fees Jan^r. 1, 1689.

	£	s.	d.
The 6 th Bell for Bury ^a . as well in the Churchyard as y ^e Church - - - -		13	4
For Ground in the Parish Vault - - -	2	0	0
" " North & South sides of the Chancell - - - -	1	0	0
For Ground in the Church - - - -	13	4	
To the Minister in the { Parish Vault, Chancells, & either side of the Chancell, Esq ^r . Rowe's vault, & Mr. Sedgwick's vault - - -	1	0	0
Church - - - -	6	8	
Churchyard with the 6 th Bell - - -	5	0	
Churchyard with the 5 th Bell - - -	2	6	
To y ^e Clerk in y ^e { Chauncells - - - -	5	0	
Churchyard with the 6 th Bell - - -	1	6	
To the Sexton in the pish Vault, Chauncells, & either side of y ^e Chauncell - - -	5	0	

For every Corps removed out of the Parish to pay the whole Duties that are paid for a Buryall in the Church, and y^e ground not to be excepted.

Every Stranger is to pay double Duties, and the money to be paid downe before the Corps be brought into the Churchyard.

April the 9th, 1690.

. . . It was then ordered that Francis Tyssen, Esq., upon the consideraçon of his giving Twenty Guineys to the use of the Parish, shall have & enjoy to the *sole use of him & his Family during their abode in this parish* that Pew in the middle Isle that formerly did belong to Esq^r. Rowe's Family.

April the 22th, 1690.

Rebekah Dowse (the late Sexton's widow), was chosen

Sextoness for one year upon condition that betweene this and Midsomer next she lay aside her Alehouse.

It was also ordered that Mr. Benjamin Morland, School-m^r, in consideration of his giving the sum of Ten pounds for the benefit of the Parish, shall have and enjoy to the sole use of him and his Family during their continuance in the Parish, all that Gallery which was formerly built at the charge of Capt. Salmon, and was late in the possession of Mrs. Sarah Cruttenden.

May the 25th, 1690.

At a Vestry held aforenoone after Sermon, it being debated whether the Churchwarden should goe the Bounds of the Parish this year or not, a reply was made that there had bin no procession for five years past, and that the neglect thereof would redound much to the p^rjudice of the Parish. Whereupon it was put to the Vote and carryed in the affirmative. And it was agreed that the Churw^a should goe the Bounds of the Parish on Wednesday and Thursday next, & that notice thereof be given at Church in the afternoon.

August the 7th, 1690.

Ordered that the Rector of this Parish should be rated to the poor this year & for the future.

February the 25th, 169^o.

(A.) At this Vestry it was ordered that Mr. Simonds, Bricklayer, should be employed to reparaire Mr. Rowe's Chappell in such manner as the Chancell is ordered to be repaired.

The Churchward^e was then desired to treat with Mr. Rowe about Assigning over his interest in the said Chappell unto the Parish, and also to advise about settling the Vicar's Tythe.

May th 4th, 1691.

. . . The Churchwardens ordered . . . “to take care that Mr. Rowe’s Vault & blew bridge be forthwith repaired.” (The Repair of Blew Br. cost £6.)

At a vestry (June 1st, 1691) it was ordered that y^e Bricklayer’s & Glazier’s Bills for worke done to Mr. Rowe’s Chappell be paid by the late Churchw^a. out of the Parish money now in his hand.

May the 17th, 1692.

At a Vestry then held, Mr. Trotman, Mr. Trench, & the Churchw^a. were desired to attend S^r Thos. Rowe for ending the difference now depending betweene him & the Parish touching the Bury^a. fees for the Lady Rowe, his late mother, and also the charge of repairing Mr. Rowe’s Chappell & Vault, And that S^r Thos. Rowe have notice to meet the said Gentlemen at Garrawaye’s Coffee House on Tuesday next, about Noon.

. . . A Beadle chosen to prevent the Increase of the Poor.

July 26th, 1692.

. . . It was unanimously agreed to allow the Propriet^{rs}. Ten days after Lammas day next for carrying off their Corne & Hay from all the Co^mon land within the Parish, they having been much hindred by the late extraordinary Wett Season, and in regard by such an allowance, the Common will be rendred more beneficiall afterward.

March the 17th, 1693.

At this Vestry a Lease was granted unto Mr. Jno. Thinn of the severall parcells of the Poor’s Land following; viz^t., a feild in well Street called Ryfeild, being the gift of Mr. Valentine Pool, a Parcell of Marsh Land called Church Lands, a parcell of Marsh Land being y^e Gift of Geo.

Clarke, Esq., & a Parcell of Marsh land being the Gift of Mrs. Ann Wood, for the terme of One and twenty years, to commence from Lady day next at three & Twenty pounds p Ann., pay^a. half yearly or within fourteen days after, And that the Parish bear all Charges for Ditching about the Lands in the Marsh aforementioned.

The Churchw^a. was Ordered to get the Organs cleaned & tuned, & Mr. Thos. Hemings was desired to assist him therein. The Churchw^a. was also ordered to procure a Booke for keeping a distinct Acco^t. of the Land & other Revenues belonging to y^e Poor.

April the 10th, 1694.

. . . At this Vestry It was ordered that the Churchw^d. should give 75 & two Guineys more unto Sir Wm. Hicks to purchase his Land in y^e marsh mençoned in former Ord^{rs}. of Vestry, and the Trustees then nominated for the s^d land are Sir Thos. Cooke, Knt., Thos. Glover, Wm. Northey, & Edwd. Marshe, Esq^{rs}.

The Pew formerly in possession of the late Bpp. of Litchfield & Coventry, was then granted unto Henry Webb, Esq., in the same manner as Justice Tyssen enjoys his Pew. . . .

It was likewise ordered that the Churchw^a. do cause a Strong Poors Box wth three sufficient Locks & Keys to be forthwith made & set up in a convenient Place of the church, and that the money collected at the Sacrament be duly put into the same.

(A.) The Pew formerly occupied by Bishop Wood, & then by Mr. Webb, is now, 2 July, 1694, granted to Mr. Sam^l. Kekwich. Mr. Webb hav^g. altered his resolution of residing here.

Mr. Kekwich is allowed to erect a monument or place a Tombstone at the West end of the Church on the South

side thereof, in memory of his late wife, Mrs. Frediswid Kekwich, he presenting £30 to the parish.

Oct. 5th, 1694.

The Beadle to have a convenient coat, as also a Staffe with a Silver Head.

Dec^r. 26th, 1694.

. . . It was agreed that a Watch House should be erected in some convenient place, and the Churchwarden was desired to treat with Mr. Bullock about his granting ground to build on. . .

March 26th, 1695.

. . . Mr. John Strype was continued Lecturer of this Parish for the year ensuing, if he please.

July 12, 1695.

. . . Mrs. Marg^t. Cooke to have free leave to lay a stone in the North Isle of the Church, upon the Grave of her late Husband, Mr. Thomas Cooke, deceased, on such terms as the Churchw^a. shall think fit to make with her.

July 19th, 1696.

At a General Meeting in the Vestry then the Gentlemen & other Parishioners did unanimously agree, and with the consent of the Lord of the Manno^r & his Maj^{ties} Justices of the Peace did order that no person whatsoever should put any Cattle into the Com^{ons} belonging to the Parish untill the 14th day of August next.

April 25th, 1697.

. . . Mr. John Du Bois being chosen Coll^r. for the Poor, was also excused because of his going to the Bath this

Summer, and his Abode here is uncertaine, but if he continues in the parish doth promise to pay his ffine.

Novemb^r. 29th, 1697.

. . . It was also ordered that the Churchw^a. when Sworne at Doct^s. Co^mons shall not exceed fforty shillings for Court ffees & all other expences.

Extract from the Will of George Clarke.

Item, I give, devise, & bequeath unto the Parish of Hackney, in y^e County of Middx., the annuall sum or yearly paym^t. of Six pounds of lawfull money of England, to be issuing & going out of my Lands in Hackney Marsh, in the said County of Middx., w^{ch} I do hereby charge for y^e payment thereof, w^{ch} said annuall or yearly payment of Six Pounds shall be distributed & disposed to the seu'all Uses hereafter mentioned, & for no other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever, (that is to say) that the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Parish of Hackney aforesaid, in y^e s^d County of Middx., for the time being, shall procure and get some Godly, learned, orthodox & Protestant Minister to preach a Sermon on the seventeenth day of November yearly for ever, being the Coronation day of Queene Elizabeth of blessed memory, w^{ch} day the Lord filled the hearts of all the godly Protestants of this Kingdom with joy and gladnesse after the cruell burning of about three hundred godly Bishops, Pastors, and Teachers, & other good Christians of Severall Ranks & Qualities never to be forgotten by any Protestant, which said Minister so appointed from time to time to preach on the day aforesaid shalbe desired to stir up the good Protestants of the Parish to come and hear the Sermon & to bless the Lord for his goodnesse to us and our Children, that we may still enjoy the true Religion of Jesus Christ under our Sovereigne Lord y^e King, and afore & after Sermon to cause these Psalmes to be sung,

to wit, the second Part of the 125 Psalm, & the 136 Psalme, or some other such like Psalmes of Praise & Thanksgiving as he in his godly Wisedome shall think fit upon that occasion. And after y^e s^d Sermon shalbe ended then to give & pay to the said Minister the sum of Twenty Shillings of lawfull money of England for his pains, and shall also give and pay to Twenty poor honest housekeepers, or such as have been housekeepers of good Report within the s^d Parish of Hackney (the Clerk & Sexton for the time being & six poor widows in the six Almshouses lately built by Docto^r Spurstowe, late Minister of Hackney, of worthy memory, to be accompted Eight of the said 20, and the other twelve to be out of Mare Street & Church St.), the sum of five shillings a peece of like money. But my will and mind is and I doe hereby declare That my Executors hereafter named & y^e Survivors of them shall have sole & onely power to pay and distribute the s^d annuall Sum of Six pounds to y^e seuerall Uses last aforementioned, & during their respective lives. And after the decease of mine Executors & y^e Survivor of them, then the Churchwardⁿ. & Overseer of the Parish of Hackney aforesaid for the time being shall have y^e disposal thereof afterwards, to & for y^e Seurall uses, intents, & purposes aforesaid, according to the true intent & meaning of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby further declare and my will and mind is that if it shall happen the s^d Churchwardens & Overseers of the s^d parish doe not after y^e death of my s^d Executors, & the Survivor of them, procure such a protestant Minister to preach as aforesaid, or if they shall at any time or times after y^e decease of my said Executors as afores^d neglect y^e due Execution & performance of this my last Will & Testament in any respect contrary to the forme aforesaid, That then in either of these Cases the said annuall Sum or yearly paym^t of 6*l*. shall cease, determine, & be no longer paid, anything afores^d to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proved 3 September, 1668, by Ann Clarke, relict, Rich. Sherbrooke, & Charles Thorold, Executors.

THO. WELHAM, Reg. Dep.

May 1st, 1699.

. . . . At this time John Cass, Esq., was chosen into the Vestry in the room of his Father, Thomas Cass, Esq.

May 30th, 1699.

James Gold elected Parish clerk.

Oct. 2, 1699.

A Meeting of the Parishioners was held at the Mermaid.

Jan^y. 14, 1699.

(A.) An Act of Parliament proposed for the settling on worke the poore of the Tower Hamlets. A Committee chosen to inspect the draught of the Bill and give their opinion whether the Parish should intermeddle at all with that affair. Committee to meet at Feild's Coffee House.

[Query, Where was this coffee house situate?]

The Committee reported against comprising the Parish in the Bill.

Jan. 21, 1699 (o.s.).

A copy of the General Bill for relief & employm^t of the Poor of the Kingdom to be procured.

April 13, 1700.

. . . . Mr. Thos. Perkins, who was Under Churchwarden for y^e last year, was unanimously chosen Upper Churchwarden for the present yeare.

Mr. Robert Bruce, vicar by force of the Canons, nominated Thos. Blackmore, s^ñior, Esq. (w^{ch} he said he had power thereby to doe), to be Churchwarden. It was op-

posed. And it was then put to the Vote whether the s^d Thomas Blackmore should be chosen by the pish into that office, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. Thomas Flanders, noiated next, was unanimously chosen Under Churchwarden for this p^rsent year.

Mr. John Strype was by the general Consent continued Lecturer for the year ensueing.

June 17, 1700.

. . . . Mr. Lupton, curate, appeared in the absence of Mr. Bruce, at this Vestry, but was doubtfull about representing the s^d Mr. Bruce, because he had not licensed him or acquainted him with the matter. It was then put to the Vote whether Mr. Lupton should not be obliged to supply the place of the Vicar according to the Instrument of Vestry, & carried by majority of Votes that he should. After debate Mr. Lupton did consent to officiate in the p^rsent Vestry. There were then chosen to be of the Vestry of this pish Thomas Blackmore, sen^r., Esq., Mr. Ed. Ambrose, Mr. Constantine Vernatti, Mr. Thos. Flanders, Mr. Richd. Bristow.

October 21, 1700.

. . . . It was ordered that Andrew Yardley doe on y behalfe of the Parish forthwith goe about the recovering the Interest mony of two hundred pounds, which was given to the use of the poore of Hackney by the late Lord Bp. of Litchfeild and Coventry, but has been received for diverse years by Joseph Micklethwaite & others, and came not to the right use.

April 22, being Easter Tuesday, 1701.

At this Vestry were in Nominacon for Churchwardens of this Parish for the year ensueing Mr. Thomas Flanders, who was Under Churchwarden in the yeare last past, and Thomas Blackmore, sⁿior, Esq^r., which two persons were

unanimously chosen by the said Vestry to be Churchwardens for this year. . .

July 24, 1701.

(A.) An order of the Lord Keeper was read.

Lord Keeper. Die Jovis 17 die July, 1701, ex pte.
Wi^{mi}. Northey & Constantine Vernatti.

Upon reading the Petition of Wm. Northey, Esq., & Constantine Vernatti, Parishioners of the parish church of Hackney, in the County of Midx., praying a Com̄ion of Review and hearing Councill on both sides, his Lordsp. was pleased to order, And it is hereby ordered by & with the consent of both ptyes, that all proceedings in the Delegates be suspended between the said Ptyes, and that neither pty be in possession of the Seate in y^e Church Now in Controversie, and that they doe endeavour to accomodate in an amicable way all matters in dispute concerning the p^rmises in a fortnight's time, but if such Accomodation be not had, then to re-apply to his Lordsp. for his Lordsp. further ord^r herein.

THO. KING, Cler. Apell.

Then Edward Marsh, Esq., being moved to declare what he would doe in Compliance to y^e said Order, made no other proposall but to give or cause to be given to y^e parish the Pew which was formerly Dr. Parker's, & Insisted upon having the Pew which was formerly S^r Thomas Marsh's, & which he had sued for in the Ecclesiasticall court. The Vestry offered him to be placed with Mrs. Bird, but he required a Sole Pew, & that the same.

At length, by Mr. Marsh's consent, an Accommodation was made in form following, viz. : The Pew wherein Mrs. Bristow and others sat, situate on y^e north side of the Middle Isle of this Church, was granted by the Vestry to

y^e said Mr. Marsh, to have & enjoy to him for the use of himselfe & his family during his abode in the Parish, and Mr. Marsh did renounce all Right, title, claim, & Demand in or to the Pew which was formerly of S^r Thos. Marsh, Madame Marsh and Mr. William Parker to Quit the Pew formerly Dr. Parker's. And Mr. William Parker surviving his father-in-law Mr. May to have & enjoy the said Pew now granted to y^e said Mr. Marsh, unto him for the use of himselfe & family during his abode in the said parish of Hackney. This accomodation was then signed by Thos. Flanders and Thos. Blackmore, Churchwardens, and by the said Edward Marshe.

Then Thomas Blackmore, Esq., proposed to take of the Parishe's grant the Pew w^{ch} was lately of Mr. Sam^l. Keckwich, dec^d., & was contented that the two familys of himselfe & his son Tho. Blackmore, Jun^r., might be placed therein, to have & enjoy the said Pew to the said Thomas & Thomas, to the use of each of them & their families during their abode in the said Parish, Provided always that upon the Death or removall of either of them it shall be lawfull to the Parish to place another in the room of the person deceasing or removing, upon w^{ch} grant Mr. Blackmore afores^d. was pleased freely to give to the use of the Parish twenty pounds.

Mr. Blackmore, Junior, being now seated as aforesaid, was pleased to relinquish all that his title w^{ch} he had by Grant of Vestry jointly wth Mr. Higham in & to a certain Pew Situate at the East end of the South side Chancell, & presented the moiety thereof to him belonging to the Parish, to be disposed of by them at their pleasure.

October 31, 1701.

Deferred till Thursday, at the Mermayd, at 8 a clock in the Morning, to finish the Accounts of Mr. Perkins (late Churchwarden).

Aprill the 3^d, 1703.

Mr. Strype continued Lecturer for the year ensuing.
Appointed Auditors, Francis Tyssen and John Cass.

July 26th, 1703.

At a General Meeting of the Parishioners in y^e Vestry, It was unanimously agreed to allow y^e Propriet^s. 14 days' tyme after Lammas Day next for carryeing of their Corn & hay from all y^e Common Lands within y^e Parish, they having been much hindred by y^e late extraordinary wett Season as to their hay, and for the same reason y^e Corne not being ripe so soon this as in other yeares.

Dec^r. 9th, 1703.

On behalf of Mrs. Bruce, Relict of Robert Bruce, & late Vicar, deceased. It was set forth that the Eldest Son by Mr. Bruce's first wife being fitt for some Employment, it would doe well in the Intervall till y^e Return of his Brother from the Indies if there could be gotten for him some Employment wth Sir Thos. Cooke or by his means, w^{ch} some Gentlemen p[']sent undertook to endeavour to procure. Also the case of Mrs. Bruce herself was Represented by Mr. Waddington, & her great poverty & many Children, And the Gentlemen of the Vestry were consulted what they thought might be convenient to allow to the maintenance of her and her children. Agreed to allow her Ten pounds from this tyme to Lady Day next for maintaining her children, to be payd her by equall weekly payments by the Churchw^a.

P[']sent: Mr. Edwd. Waddington, Sequestrator of the Vicarage, Francis Tyssen, Esq., Jno. Cass, Esq., &c.

[Robert Bruce, late Vicar of Hackney, died November 4th, 1703, as appears by the copy of the Instrument of Sequestration.)

April 18th, 1704.

Mr. Peter Newcome, Vicar, was present.

. . . Mr. John Strype was continued Lecturer for y^e year ensuing.

Mrs. Bruce, wid^o. of y^e last vicar, her condition was taken into consideration. Agreed that she be allowed Ten pounds per Quarter from Lady Day last to Michass next ensuing, to be paid by weekly propor^ons by y^e Churchw^a.

April 29th, 1704.

. . . It was debated whether y^e Parson, Vicar, or Parish have a Right to Mr. Trench's Vault, & ye money to be paid for it. To be advised on.

Sept. 26. Proposed that the money be given to the Minister.

June 22^d, 1704.

. . . It was agreed at this meeting, *nemine contradicente*, That y^e Summ of Ten pounds p ann. be allowed to y^e Vicar by y^e Parish, to be given by him to such Curate or assistant as he shall think fit to Employ, or to take the same to his own use if he will performe y^e whole Duty himselfe.

Dec^r. 26, 1704.

(A.) The widow Bruce relieved with £5 p^r Quarter from Michaelmas last to Lady day next.

April 10th, 1705.

Mrs. Vernatti, by Mr. Blackmore, renewed her request for a Buriall place under her Pew, for which she offers 10*li*. or more if insisted on. To be further considered. Mr. Tyssen proposed a right as Rector to the two side Chancells.

It was then proposed that the Church being much out of Repair outside & inside, it should speedily be amended. To be considered at the next Vestry.

October 10th, 1705.

. . . Ordered that the Churchw^{ns}. doe reimburse Mr. Newcome, Vicar, £6 2s., by him laid out in buying a Great Bible, two Common prayer-Books, and two cases (? cords), according to order of former Vestry.

Dec^r. 26th, 1705.

Agreed that a Table in a handsome frame be speedily fitted up to be hung up in the Vestry wth a Glasse cover conteyning the names of Benefactors to this parish, wth the particulars of their severall Guifts and the time of Donation, and the Uses to which they were given. A rough Draught to be offered to the next Vestry.

Jan^y. 9, 1705.

. . . Mr. Blackmore moved againe that the Parish would give answer whether under the Pew where Mr. Sheppard and his wife (late the wife of Constantine Vernatti) Sit a vault for one Interrment might be made by their Consent at her charge. Deferred till another Vestry.

March 7th, 1705.

. . . Two vacances in the Select Vestry of this parish were now filled up by the Eeleccon of Sam^l. Powell, Esq., & Nicholas Morse, Esq., into the same, in the roome of Mr. Phelps, lately gone out of the Parish, & Mr. Nico^s. Skinner, lately deceased.

March 26th, 1706.

. . . Upon debate concerning the provision made by Mrs. Margaret Audeley's will for the teaching twelve poore children of this parish. Ordered that enquiry be forthwth made what number are now in the School of Mr. Lupton of this sort, That their names be taken, And that for the future y^e Vicar, Churchwardens, and a competent number

of the parishos have notice by Mr. Lupton who are taken in and who goe out.

Mr. Strype continued Lecturer for the yeare ensuing.

July 20, 1706.

(A.) Mrs. Sheppard, formerly Vernatti, at last got permission to make a Vault under her pew for her own and one other interment four foot broad seven foot in length. She paying fifteen pounds.

Sept. 14, 1706.

The Vestrymen return to the practice of signing the Minutes. (They did not, however, adhere to this practice.)

Octo^r. 15th, 1706.

(A.) It had been debated whether the Rector or the Churchwardens had right to the money for Mr. Trench's Vault in the Churchyard. It was now agreed that the same, namely, fifteen pounds, be paid to Mr. Peter Newcome, the Vicar, & this was agreed to by Mr. Tyssen, the Rector.

April 15, 1707.

. . . A Brick Wall be built where the ffense is wanting, w^h, according to an estimate already made by workmen, may & is to be done at £30 charge. [This may be the wall between the old and new churchyards.]

[Some change seems to have been made in the mode of appointing surveyors of the highways.]

January 15, 1707.

An assembly was held (after notice in the Church) in order to making Survey^s of the Highwaies in this parish for y^e yeare ensuing, according to a liberty for soe doeing, granted by the Special Sessions holden at y^e Court House the 9th instant.

Jan^y. 28, 1707.

John Reading chosen Organist for one year in the room of Alex^r. Johnson, deceased.

April 15, 1708.

An assembly was held of the Vestrymen & other Parish^{oners} to confer about y^e public concernes hereunder specified. Notice thereof having been published in the Church on the Sunday p^rcedent.

The Management of the Officers in the Office of Survey^{rs} of the Highwaies in this Parish of late yeares was complained of, and the credit of the parish was alledged to be concerned therein. The wayes, particularly in Mare Street, are scandalously bad and dangerous to persons travelling that way. Therefore care must speedily be taken for amending the same. In order thereunto the persons next named, viz., Mr. Daniel Stacey, Mr. John Southern, Mr. Sam^l. Ball, Mr. Sam^l. Powell, Mr. John Littell, & Mr. Thomas Coates, or any three of them, are desired to view the way from the Green Man to Cambridge Heath, and report to the next Vestry their opinion what course they think most availeable for the speedy reformaçon of the defaults found. It was now agreed that if Mr. Lazarus Dunmore, Survey^r. this yeare of the Highwaies, doe & shall amende in a very good sort the wayes of this parish to the content of y^e parish^{rs}, that he shall be recommended to the said office for the yeare ensuing this. He is to save the parish from Indictm^{ts}. for the Highwaies during the present yeare of his Office, taking the comon rates of this parish.

April 22, 1708.

At this vestry the following Report was made, viz. :

We undernamed having been appointed at a Meeting held in the Vestry on the 15th instant to view the sad con-

dicon of the Road from the Green Man to Cambridge Heath in this parish, and to propose what we think necessary to mend it, doe humbly represent it as our opinion,

1st. That the ditches from the Green Man to the farme house late Mr. Man's be well scoured.

2. That from Man's farme & late Mr. Bird's house, the ditches on Mr. Bird's side be carried on from the pond to Mr. Carter's wall, & where by building the ditches cannot be carried on, that the draynes be kept clean & opened to convey the water from ditch to ditch, & that the ditch on the other side, from Mr. Foreman's houses to Man's farme, be well scoured to carry y^e water toward the brooke in Church Street.

3. That that part of the Road w^{ch} begins at Mr. Carter's wall & extends to Mr. Blackmore's house is now in a deplorable condiçon, proceeding from want of a conveyance for y^e water by Mr. Carter's & Mr. Thinn's houses, and we conceive it absolutely necessary that a large drayne of about three foot broad & foure foot high be made through Mr. King's yard, wth a larger Cest poole to receive the Mudd, & from thence that a good drayne be continued to y^e Mote that goes into Well Street, and that through Mr. Carter's & Mr. Thinn's ground draynes be opened.

4. That if Comon shores from Mr. King's new houses to Clerk's buildings, and so to the great pond, be mended and cleaned, the surcharge of the great pond & the filth from Mr. Clarke's houses being wholly interrupted, and is an annoyance. [There is something here not expressed.]

5. That from the end of Mr. Brooke's his wall to the end of his & Mr. Woodcott's ground the ditches be made deeper & larger as far as Cambridge Heath, and that on the other side of that road the Grate & drayn adjoining to Mr. Merrvall's wall be opened & cleansed.

7. That a person be appointed by the Survey^{ors} to inspect the roads & open passages in convenient distances &

places for the water to run from the road into ditches or ponds that lye contiguous to them.

(Signed) JOHN LITTELL. SAML. BALL.
 NEHEM. LYDE. JOHN SOUTHERN.
 SAMUEL POWELL.

The Report was greatly approved.

On Sundays, June 20th & 27th, 1708, Vestries were held after the Evening Service in the Church.

July 28, 1708.

The Auditors appointed to audit the Surveyor's accounts met at the Flying Horse in Mare Street.

Novem^r. 25th, 1708.

. . . The Pew in the Gallery in w^{ch} Esq^e. Manlove lately sat was granted by this Vestry to be enjoyed by Mr. Justice Doling in the same forme as it was granted to the said Mr. Manlove.

June 1st, 1709.

Mr. John Redding, Organist, applied for Encrease of Salary, being £12 p anno. and no more. Deferred till the return of Mr. Newcome.

April 11th, 1710.

. . . The Rev^d. Mr. John Strype was continued Lecturer of this Parish for the yeare ensueing.

. . . The Churchwarden is desired to acquaint Mr. Lupton that for the future every Easter when Officers are to be elected he bring in writing the names and number of the poore children which he is obliged to teach gratis.

June 14 (1710).

At the Mermaid. Ordered that the Act of Parliament requiring the wearing Badges by Pencon^{rs}. (Pensioners) be

strictly observed, and such Pencon^{rs}. as are found without it at any time shall loose a Month's Pay. Except Mr. Row (Rowe).

[This Mr. Row having formerly been an important person in the Parish, & now reduced to poverty.]

July 13th, 1710.

(A.) At an election for two vacant Cottages in Dr. Spurstowe's Almshouse four candidates were returned to the heir, that she may choose such two of them as she pleases.

. . . A Churchwarden's pew or pews to be fitted up, but the place & the charge to be first represented to the Vestry.

3 April, 1711.

. . . Mr. Henry Row allowed five pounds for clothing, as formerly.

June 29th, 1711.

A Vacancy being in the Select Vestry by the death of the late Francis Tyssen, Esq., Francis Tyssen, Esq., was by unanimous consent chosen Vestryman in the roome of his late Father.

Ordered that a Velvet pall be bought by the Churchwⁿ. not exceeding Twenty pounds price, to be used in Funerals at such fee as shall be agreed on, for the use of the Parish. (It was afterwards agreed that eight shillings be paid for using the Parish Velvet pall, to be paid altho Foreign palls are introduced.)

October 1st, 1711.

Agreed that the sum of £226 9s. 3½^d. be raised on this Parish for reimbursing Mr. Anthony Towden, late Churchwⁿ. of this parish, the money by him laid out in the necessary relief of the poore of the same, & for supplying Mr. Thos. Cubbich, the p^rsent Churchwarden, with money

for the present Relief of the poore, according to the measures prescribed by the forty-third of Elizabeth.

Decr. 13th, 1711.

James Gould chosen Vestry Clerk. There being divers necessary and usefull Orders of Vestry entered in the several Vestry books belonging to this parish that ought to be revised, It is therefore agreed at this Vestry by the gentlemen present That Mr. Newcome do look over the Vestry book he has in possession and take an account of what things are material to the publick, that they may be referred to on occasion. That Mr. Thompson take the Vestry book beginning 1657. That Mr. Justice Dolins take the Vestry Book beginning 1698 for the same purpose.

The Tots.* of the Overseers of the Poor in the year 1710.

Overseers.	Dr.	£	s.	d.
To the total Amount of the poor's Rate	-	287	03	04
To Ballance due to the Overseers	-	27	13	10
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Pr. Contra.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Cash p ^d the Pensioners	-	231	15	
By Cash p ^d to Nurses	-	56	19	
By Clothing 11 Persons	-	06		
By two Warrants	-	00	04	00
By errors in Casting up the poor's Rate	-	02	04	00
By sundry deficienss that could not be collected	-	17	15	02
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		314	17	02
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* Possibly ^s/_{ts} are meant.

July 16th, 1712.

. . . Mr. Deb^{ty}. Webb & Mr. Matt^w. Howard reported to this Vestry that they had been at Mr. Lupton's School & found there no more than five poor children present. And Mr. Lupton's account given to the Vestry amounts to nine in number.

Sep. 4th, 1712.

. . . Upon the request of the Widow of Alexander Johnson, Esq., for liberty to lay down a Grave stone in the North Ile of the Church at her own charge, The Vestry agreed to the same, she paying the present Churchwarden four Guineas, & make good the pavement taken up in doing the same.

Oct. 2nd, 1712.

Ordered that Mr. Henry Row be allowed Clothes by the Churchwarden as formerly.

Novem. 6th, 1712.

Ordered that Maj^r. Johnson be excused from paying the Parish Duties for the burial of his wife in the Chancel.

Dec^r. 4th, 1712.

Uppon complaint made of great disorder among the Ringers, It was ordered that the Persons hereafter named should be deemed the Ringers in this parish henceforward, & that no other persons shall have or receive any reward for Ringing but such as shall be allowed by the Vestry on the removal or death of any of the said Ringers.

[Names given.]

[This minute afterwards confirmed concerning the ringers in this parish on condition they do the service of ringing on Sundays.]

Feb^y. 26, 1712-13.

Agreed by this Vestry that S^r John Cass, Jno. Ward, Esq., Matt^w. Holworthy, Esq., Fran. Tyssen, Esq., & Mr. Dawson be desired to take care of the affair relating to the Highways in the great Road in order to procure an Act of Parliament for a turn-pike.

March 30th, 1713.

Ordered that before the letting of any lands or Houses belonging to the parish publick Notice be given in the Church three Sundays successively, That they will be lett to the best bidder upon the approbation of the Vestry, to be appointed the week next following the third Publication.

April 7th, 1713.

. . . . Agreed that Mr. Jno. Lupton be continued Master of the free School for the year ensuing. And that he be allowed for the future no more than twelve pence entrance for every poor free boy, to be paid him by the Churchwarden.

Ordered that for the future the Churchwarden for the time being do return (quarterly) to the Vestry a List of the poor boys that are taught by Mr. Lupton by vertue of Mrs. Marg^t. Audley's will.

(A Female Pensioner is still called Goody so-and-so in 1713.)

Jan. 21, 1713.

Agreed that the Churchwardens do enter into Articles in writing with John Knoppell to repair & amend the Church Organ according to his Proposals in a paper marked number (1), for the sum of Ninety pounds, And that he engages to keep it in Order for the Term of seven years after such repair as aforesaid, Gratis.

(Signed) JNO. KNOPPELL.

March 30th, 1714.

John Reading was continued organist until Easter, 1715,
& Next year to Easter, 1716, &c.

10 January, 1714.

Ordered by the said Vestry that, the Widow Paget of this Parish, upon the payment of five pounds to the present Churchward^{ns}. thereof, shall have liberty to set up and erect an head stone (in respect of her Husband, lately deceased), in the Church of this Parish.

April 3^d, 1716.

Whereas a Report hath bin made that Nico^s. Wood and Joseph Battrum, or one of them, had reflected very much upon the power of the Vestry, & had declared that no Vestry should be called during two years, the time they or one of them were to be Churchward^{ns}., with w^{ch} reflection they were charged at this Vestry, and they both possitively declared that they nor either of them ever gave out any such words or reflections, but intirely submitted to the power of the Vestry in all respects; and thereupon Mr. Battrum was appointed Churchward. for the year ensuing, and have voluntary sigñd this minute.

(Signed) NICHOLAS WOODD, } Church.
JOSEPH BATTRUM, }

June 30th, 1716.

Memorandum.—The Watch house on Cambridge Heath was built & erected by the Voluntary Contribution of the Gentlemen of the parish in the year of our Lord 1714.

22 March, 1717-18.

Jno. Tyssen, Esq., chosen a Vestryman in the room of his Brother, Fran. Tyssen, Esq., deceased.

19 April, 1718.

. . . Ordered & agreed that for the future Tuesday in the Easter week, at three a Clock in the afternoon be the time at which the Vestry shall be summoned to choose officers in this parish.

19 Feb., 1718.

S^r Jno. Cass deceased about this time.

5 March, 1718.

A Committee Report That those Railes before the two Coffee houses from the Bridge in Church Street as far as the Six Bells be taken down and a brick wall be built as high as the wall of the Bridge, and coped as the Bridge.

(The Moat adjacent to Mr. Cleer's House in Mare Street is full of Mudd & dirt, and ought to be amended by the owners of the Land against it.)

31 March, 1719.

Mr. Thos. Powel paid the fine of £10 to be excused from serving the office of Churchwarden.

Sam^l. Thornton appointed Vestry Clerk.

July 11th, 1719.

Ordered that the heirs of Mr. Henry Row, deceased, have liberty to repair the Vault in the Church formerly granted that family, pvided that what money has been paid by y^e Parish be reimbursed.

[It appeared that no money had been paid by the Parish.]

August 10th, 1719.

Ordered that John Clarke be desired to buy a new Velvet Child's Pall. Ordered that no Pall but the Parish Pall be used for the future, except they pay for the Parish Pall as if used.

[Then follow the rates charged.]

Oct. 17th, 1719.

(A.) Dan^l. Dolins to have Lady Wills' pew when she removes out of the parish. Mr. Dolins to have permission at his own charge to make a passage and Door or Doors out of the said Pew into the Churchyard. Provided no damage be done to the Church.

The names of the Gentlemen of the Vestry, 1720.

The Reverend Mr. Peter Newcome, Vicar.

Daniel Dolins, Esq.	Matthew Holworthy, Esq.	
John Clarke, Esq.	Sam ^l . Webb, Esq.	
John Tyssen, Esq.	Jacob Sawbridge, Esq.	
John Ward, Esq.	William Northey, Esq.	
Nehemiah Lyde, Esq.	John Littell, Esq.	
John Wallis, Esq.	Ralph Harwood, Esq.	
Mr. William Thomas.	Joseph Thompson, Esq.	
Mr. Sam ^l . Ball.	Mr. Sam ^l . Papillion.	
Mr. Lawrence Schnell.	Mr. John Woodfeild.	
Mr. Thomas King.	Mr. Henry Emmett.	
Mr. Richard Mortershed.	Mr. Roger Lacey.	
Mr. Claude Hayes.	Mr. William Wilkinson.	
Mr. Arney D'uboyviller.	Mr. James Lamb.	
Mr. Cllud* Denn.	Mr. James Leaver.	
Mr. John Southerne.	Mr. Thomas Flanders.	
Mr. Xtopher Whitchcote.		
Mr. Dan ^l . Stacey,	} Deceased.	
Mr. Joseph Collins,		
Mr. Joseph Sawbridge,		
	Mr. Ben. Watts,	} Church-
	Mr. James Huggett,	
	SAM ^l . THORNTON, Cl. ibm.	

Mr. Denn reported that he & Mr. Clarke had waited on the Treasurer of St. Thos. Hospital relateing to the taking of a Piece of ground belonging to the s^d Hospital

* Perhaps Alured.

behind Mr. Corbisow's house in order to dig Ballase out it for the Use of the S^d Parish, and that the Treasurer expressed himself so as to make him apprehend that the Govern^{rs}. would be willing to favour their Application, and advised them to attend them with Proposals at the next General Committee.

12 Nov., 1720.

That the Churchwarden's Bills for Charges at the Commons when Sworne and a Dinner and a Bible for the Churchwarden's Pew, amounting in all to the sum of £4 11s. be allowed in his account.

(Early in 1720 the Workmen's Bills were examined and allowed of for Repairs to the Church.)

Mr. Sam^l. Papfeild allowed 4 Guineas for his Extraordinary labour or Worke about the Communion Railes, &c., According to the Oppinion of the Surveyor of the Repairs of the Church.

1st April, 1721.

. . . Agreed that Mrs. Wallis & Partner be discharged and ffreed ffrom paying any Money to this Parish ffor and in respect of a Pew in the Church where they Sett, there being two Pews taken out of the same, and not so Commo-
dious as fformerly, &c.

Agreed That upon a Report from the Committee appointed to examine the Bills of the Workmen Employed in the Repairing of the Parish Church, it appearing to this Vestry that the sum of One hundred and ffifty pounds and Upwards will remain due to the said workmen beyond the Rate already made for the Repaires of the said Church, that a Rate be forthwith made conformable to the Rate made this year, to raise the hundred pounds due on the Turnpike Account, and that the rest & residue of the same above-mentioned John Clarke, Esq., be desired to pay out of the Unappropriated Moneys now remaining in his hands.

(Afterwards reversed and annulled, & agreed that the workmen be paid out of the Unappropriated Money, and that John Clarke, Esq., be desired to finish y^e Auditt of their Bill or Accounts, and afterwards discharge the same.)

27 March, 1722.

. . . Sam^l. Sadleir was at this Vestry unanimously chosen to be Clerk of the Vestry upon the same termes and Conditions as Mr. Thos. Lister, deceased, was chosen.

Agreed That the Arch over the Ditch and under the Cross Waie leading from Jerusalem Court to the White House, formerly called S^r Thomas Marsh's House, be by Mr. North, Bricklayer, forthwith Inlarged & extended to the Right & Left, so far as may serve his Majesty's Subjects from Danger by Reason of the Narrowness of the Road in that part of the Highway.

5 May, 1723.

Agreed that Mr. Henry Norris be admitted to pay the Sum of twenty pounds in lieu of serving the three Parish Offices (and was elected a Vestryman).

Henry Ashton, Esq^r., having represented to this Vestry that he and some other of the Inhabitants where some time since in one of the Stage coaches flung into the great Pond in Mare Street, to the great hurt of Several of them, & to the hazard of their Lives, and it appearing that the said pond as it now lies is Dangerous to his Majestie's Subjects passing the same, especially in the night time, that Mr. Southern be directed forthwith to Kase in with Substantial and sufficient Posts and Rales the said pond, leaving only a Passage into the same at the two ends or Extremity thereof.

Ordered that the s^d Mr. North & Pasfield, together with Mr. Southern, do take a view of the Parish house now in the Occupation of Mr. George Cleer (?), and Report to his

Majestie's Justices of the Peace as soon as may be at their petty Sessions within the s^d parish what repairs are necessary to be made in or about the said house, together with an Estimate of the Charge thereof, and that the said Justices be desired to give what orders they shall think proper Relating thereto, and receive proposals from the said George Cleer, upon what terms and Conditions he shall or may continue to hold and occupy the said house, and finally agree with him about the same. Upon the Representation of Jno. Clarke, Esq., that there remains some Ballast already Dug and not Laid on the Road between Clopton and Standford Hill, Agreed that the s^d Ballast be laid upon the said Road as he shall direct, and that sufficient Rales and Posts be set by Mr. Pasfeild on each side of the bridge lately built upon the said Road, in order to secure from mischief his Majesty's Subjects going that Road.

[This order afterwards reversed.]

19 July, 1722.

Present the Rev^d. Mr. Peter Newcome, Jun^r., Sir Dan^l. Dolins, Knt., &c., &c.

Agreed that Mr. Spillott & Jno. Clarke, Esq., be desired to provide a good stone Sunn Dial, to be sett up at the South end of the Church, & that the two present Dials be taken down as soon as the other shall be sett up.

[It appears that the marble, &c., for the dial cost
£8 11s. 6d.]

22 Oct., 1722.

Agreed that S^r Daniel Dolins and Mr. Finch be desired to direct Mr. Passfield in putting up of Posts and Railing in the narrow between the Churchfield and the Bowling Green House.

4 Feb., 1722.

Upon reading a letter from Jno. Tyssen, Esq., relating to the Gravell dug Mr. Jeremiah Woodley's Ground without Licence, and mentioning therein that he was willing to refer the Damage done to the Arbitration of John Ward, Esq., and Mr. Jno. Woodfeild, this Vestry does except the said proposal, and desire that S^r Daniel Dolins do returne him thanks for the same. Agreed That Mr. Stephen Ram be admitted to pay the sum of fifteen pounds, he desiring to be excused serving the Offices of Churchwarden and surveyor of the Highways of this Parish.

Mr. Stephen Ram was then chosen a Vestry man.

16 April, 1723.

Agreed That John Ward, Esq., and Mr. John Woodfeild be desired according to the Proposal of John Tyssen, Esq., to adjust the Damage by digging Ballast in the ground of Francis John Tyssen, a Minor, on the behalfe of the Parish, and report the same as soon as they conveniently can.

Agreed That two Pews at the lower end of the North Isle of the Church be made into one in order to accommodate Mr. Robert Aynsworth Schoolmaster & his Schollars, at his charge, and when altered that it be for the life of the s^d Robt. Aynsworth during his continuing an Inhab^t. of this Parish.

27 July, 1723.

Ordered that the Churchwardens, Mr. Thomas Howson and Mr. John Corbison, do lay out the sum of Thirty pounds for and towards the repairing the parish house in the Occupation of George Cleere according to an Estimate made and laid before this Vestrey by Mr. North and Mr. Pasfeild, and that they let a lease thereof to the s^d George Cleere for the terme of twenty-one years, at the rent of fourteen pounds p an^um.

18th Nov., 1723.

(A.) It appears that Mr. Strype, the lecturer, was about to resign, and a difference arose whether the appointment of a lecturer or lecturers to succeed him rested with the Select Vestry or with the parish meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Newcome, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Ram waited on Mr. Strype to obtain his resolution to resign in writing.

27 Jan^y., 1723-4.

The Rev. Benjamin Griffith, Curate, was present.

Agreed (among other matters) that the Sex qualto stop be continued in the Organ, & that Mr. Thos. Howson, the Churchwarden, do pay to Mr. Knoppell, the Organ Maker, the sum of 12 Gs. for it. That the Churchwarden do procure a case to cover the Keyes of the Organ, to keep out the Dust & other things that may prove prejudicial to it. Mr. Churchwarden Corbison having informed the Vestry from Matthew Holworthy, Esq., that the foot-bridge over the River leading from Clopton to Dorleston and Shackelwell is broke downe, and it not appearing who ought to repair the same, Agreed that Henry Ashton, Esq., be desired to speake to Matthew Howard, Esq., relating to the said reparation, it being over the Brook that belongs to the Lord of the Mannor.

[Query, Was Matthew Howard agent to the Lord of the Manor?]

(A.) With respect to the Lectureship resigned by Mr. Strype, it appears that the Select Vestry gave way, and that there was a Meeting 27 May, 1724, of the Gentlemen of the Vestry & *other inhabitants* of the parish of St. John at Hackney to make choice of a proper person or persons to supply the Lecture of this parish.

14 vestrymen were present, & the names are given of 23 parishioners, but there appear to have been more present

whose names are not given. Mr. Newcome does not appear to have been present, and Sir Daniel Dolins was voted to the chair. It was agreed to have more than one person to supply the lecture of this parish. It was then agreed to have four lecturers, and to raise a subscription for their support, and that the right of election was in those persons assessed that year to the Relief of the poor.

These four were elected : The Rev. Mr. Pile,
 " " Copping.
 " " De Cordew.
 & " " Simpson.

Agreed that a number of Parishioners meet a like number of the Gentlemen of the Vestry to consider and determine about a subscription for the lecturers & other matters.

Rev^d. Mr. Benj. Griffith, Curate, was again present on 8 June, 1724, apparently in the chair instead of Rev. P. Newcome.

(A.) It was proposed to add the Rev. Mr. Bullock and the Rev. Mr. Scurlock to the number of the Lecturers, to be joint lecturers, so that there be six in all (the election not hav^g. satisfied the friends of these two gentlemen). Thanks were voted to the Rev. Mr. John Strype for his services as lecturer, & particularly for his last farewell sermon (see Appendix).

10 August, 1724.

Agreed unanimously that the Rev^d. Mr. Thomas Bullock and the Rev. Mr. David Scurlock be added to the four Gentⁿ. already chosen Lect^{rs}. of this Parish, upon the same terms and conditions that the other were chosen.

Agreed in case any of the Six Lect^{rs}. shall Dye or resigne the s^d Lecture that it fall amongst the remaining number.

11 Jan^y., 1724-5.

Agreed that for the future all affairs transacted in the Vestry be entered into the Vestry book, and that all affairs

transacted at Parish Meetings be entered in a particularly (*sic*) book, to be by our Ck. pvided for that purpose, and that those minutes be entered that were taken upon the Elections of the Lect. of this parish.

(A.) Some money received and disbursed at this time by Sir Dan^l. Dolins towards the apprehending Highwaymen. (There appears to have been a subscription for the purpose.)

Agreed That the persons who watch in the severall Centry boxes on the great Road leading to London be annually paid out of the unappropriated moneys of this parish, together with the incidental charges attending that service. That the sum of Two Shillings & sixpence to become forfeited by each of the s^d watchmen for the neglect of their dutys on the s^d watch, either by not coming to their severall stands at the time appointed or going away from thence before the hour to which they have obliged themselves to stay, be given to such person or persons as shall give Information against such of them as shall so Offend.

30 March, 1725.

Mr. John Reading continued organist.

29 May, 1725.

(A.) Gentlemen appointed to apply to the Inhabitants for contributions towards the maintenance of the Lecturers, & that Henry Ashton be Treasurer.

21 August, 1725.

Agreed that a Gallary be carried on from Mr. Nicholls to Mr. Joseph's, and that three foot be taken out of the Gallary to make the new one more commodious, and also a passage through the s^d gallary next to the wall. The s^d Gallary to be built at the charge of ffisher Jackson, Esq., Mr. Michael Rean, & Mr. John Southcliffe (?), & that it be for the use of them and their ffamily & during their continuing Inhabitants of this parish.

12 April, 1726.

Ordered that all the Pews in the Church be regularly numbered, and the number painted upon each pew Door, And that demensions be taken of all the Pews that are not appropriated to particular ffamilies, and what number of persons that will each of them hold, and also a list of the names of the persons that are seated in each of them be returned to the next Vestry by Mrs. Dowse, Sextoness.*

Agreed That the Committee appointed at a Vestry held on the fifth day of May, 1722, to take a Survey of the parish lands and houses, do as soon as conveniently may be proceed to make such Survey, and that all reasonable charges be allowed them in performing the same, and that a Mapp of the said Estate be made, and that our Clerk do Summon the said Committee at the time and place as they or any of them shall direct.

22 Oct., 1726.

Agreed that the ditch on the left-hand side of the road leading from Squire Ward's house to the five houses be planked and posted by Mr. John Woodfeild, one of the Surveyors of the Highways, so far as shall be found necessary, by the advice of such gentlemen as he shall call to his assistance, it being dangerous to his Majesty's Subjects passing that way, and that he forthwith proceed to do it.

(A.) Stephen Ram being refused the sole use of pew No. 13 at the upper end of the South aisle for his family, requested that it should not be given to any other particular family; nevertheless (23 Novem.) it appears to have been given to Charles Slaughter, who paid £20 to be excused serving the three offices of the parish, & became a vestryman.

(A.) A new Gallery proposed for female servants and others of the same sex by making a Gallery from Mr.

* She is said to have lived one hundred years.

Joseph's to the organ Gallery, to go up by Joseph stairs and a new landing-place.

4 April, 1727.

Mr. Stamp Brooksbank excused from serving the three offices, he paying £20.

4th April, 1727.

That Mr. John Reading, Organist, be continued in his place for three months from this day, and that Samuel Sadleir, our Ck., do forthwith give him notice of this Order, that he may provide himselfe with another place in that time.

The Names of the Vestrymen Anno Dom. 1727.

The Rev^d. Mr. Peter Newcome, Vicar.

Sir Dan^l. Dolins, Knt.

Math^w. Holworthy, Esq.

Sam^l. Webb, Esq.

John Ward, Esq.

Will^m. Northey, Esq.

Sam^l. Ball, Esq.

Rene Duboyville, Esq.

Mr. John Woodfeild.

Mr. Francis Cooper.

John Eden Littell, Esq.

Mr. Will^m. ffinch.

Mr. John Spillett.

Mr. Edw^d. Cokeyne.

Stephen Ram, Esq.

Mr. Ed. Sanderson.

Mr. Lawrence Schnell.

Mr. John Southern, sen^r.

Mr. Christop^r. Whichcote.

Mr. Thos. King.

Mr. Claude Hayes.

Mr. Alud Denne.

Jam^s. Lamb, Esq.

Mr. Roger Lacey.

Henry Ashton, Esq.

Henry Norris, Esq.

Mr. John Brewer.

Mr. Jonathan Collier.

Sam^l. Read, Esq.

Math^w. Howard, Esq.

Mr. Gilbert Page.

Fisher Jackson, Esq.

John Nicholas, Esq.

Mr. Arthur Wooley.

Captⁿ. Alex^r. Garrett.

Mr. Rich^d. Morris, } Church-

Mr. Jer^h. Woodley, } wardens.

SAM^l. SADLEIR, Ck.

29 July, 1727.

Agreed that Mr. Rich^d. Morris, the Churchwarden, do forthwith pay to Mr. John Reading, the Organist, in proportion to his annual salary for the time he hath played upon the Organ, from the time he rec^d. notice or warning from Sam^l. Sadleir, our Clerk, & to forbid him either in person or by Deputy playing any more upon the Organ belonging to this parish. (Mr. Thos. Archer to play the Organ on trial until Michaelmas.)

Agreed that the posting and raleing in the Lane between the house of Jno. Ward, Esq., and the five houses be forthwith completely finished, &c.

[This lane at the south side of Clapton Square was afterwards called Bob's Hall Lane.]

6th November, 1727.

Agreed That the Churchyard be paved from the west door of the Church to the portico next the Road of the width of nine foot, &c.

Agreed that Mr. Thomas Archer be chosen Organist of this Parish till Easter term twelvemonth at the usual salary, and that for the time to come the Vestry annually choose a person to perform that office.

Nov. 11th, 1727.

Proposal accepted from Mr. James Honey, paviour, that he would pave the Church yard from the west door of the Church to the porch next the Road, with the best sort of fflanders Bricks, and a Border of Purbeck Stones on each side the whole length, the said walk to be nine foot wide, borders included, & completely perform & finish the same in workmanlike manner for 3s. 6d. p. yard.

At a meeting of a Committee appointed at the last Vestry, held by adjournment 18 Nov., 1728, Upon the proposals of Mr. Wm. Weston and Mr. Wm. Hayes to

repair the bridge near Mr. Johnson's fulling mills in Homerton. Agreed that Mr. Wm. Weston's proposal be Excepted, and that he do forthwith set about the same, he having proposed to repair it and [finish] it in [a] Substantial and workmanlike manner for five pounds, being considerably less than Mr. Wm. Hayes' proposal.

That the pew late Mrs. Elizabeth Forster's* be for the use of Mr. Robert Aldwinckell & his family during their continuing Inhabitants of this parish.

[This order afterwards suspended until the legacy left by Mrs. Forster to the parish be paid.]

Resignation of the Lectureship by the Rev. Mr. Francis Pile.

Fisher Jackson appointed treasurer in the room of Sir Daniel Dolins, Knt., deceased.

Samuel Tyssen appointed Vestryman in the room of Sir Dan^l. Dolins, Mr. Tyssen paying the usual fine of £20.

Stamp Brooksbank formerly paid the usual fine, & was now chosen a Vestryman in the room of Matthew Holworthy, deceased.

Bill allowed. To Mr. Nathaniel Ruthey for supplying the Watch-houses near the sign of the Shoulder of Mutton and on Cambridge Heath with Coales and Candles from Michaelmas, 1727, to Lady Day, 1728, three pounds thirteen shillings & ninepence, and to Ann Burton, One pound eleven shillings & eightpence for providing Coales and Candles for the Watch-house at Stone bridge for the same time. . .

15 Feb^y. 1728.

. . . Agreed that Fisher Jackson, Esq., be desired to pay to Samuel Sadleir the sum of thirty shillings for his charge and trouble in convicting of a ffelon, the person that

* According to Lysons, the name of this lady was to be seen on the obelisk in the old churchyard. It is now illegible.

he robbed being in mean circumstances, and unable to carry on the prosecution.

“To take into consideration the necessity of having an Arch made over the ditch next the Roadside beyond the Green Man in Church Street,” &c.

8 April, 1729.

Agreed that Mr. Edward Brooksby be admitted to pay the some of £20 to be excused serving, &c. . . Mr. Edward Brooksby, Mr. Charles Slaughter, and Mr. James Lewis Bershere were put in Nomination that one of them might be a Vestryman, & the majority fell upon Mr. Edw^d. Brooksby. . .

Agreed that ffisher Jackson, Esq., be desired to pay to Mr. Markham Spearing the sum of elven pounds for building an arch over the ditch near the white house in Church (qy. Street ?), and for fenceing in the field next the same.

20 June, 1729.

. . . Agreed that the said Mr. Samuel Woodfeild do se'l the Crop of Grass now standing upon the poor land in Hackney Marsh to the best advantage that he can. (Mr. Sam^l. Woodfeild being Churchwarden.)

28 August, 1729.

. . . Samuel Tyssen, Esq., moved that the bridge over the brook leading from the Downes to Shacklewell should be repaired at the Charge of the Parish, It being very ruined and dangerous to people passing that way. It being alleged that it was built by the lord of the Mannor, and ought to be kept in repair at his charge.

The question was put by Mr. Samuel Woodfeild, Churchwarden, whether the said bridge ought to be repaired by the Lord of the Manner or the parish. Agreed that it ought to be repaired at the charge of the Lord of the Mannor.

Fisher Jackson, Esq., reported that Capt. Branson Oulson desired to purchase of the parish the priviledge of Digging Brick & tile Clay out of the poor land near the Wick house.

[He had previously had leave given him to build a tile kiln.]
Committee nominated to report thereon.

The Names of the Gentlemen belonging to the Vestry
Anno Dom. 1729.

Church Street.	Mr. Gilbert Page.
The Rev. Mr. Peter Newcome.	Mr. John Southern.
John Ward, Esq.	Mr. Samuel Read.
Mr. Thomas King.	Well Street.
Mr. John Lewis.	Mr. Benjamin Devinck.
Mare Street.	Grove Street.
Arthur Wooley, Esq.	Henry Norris, Esq.
Mr. Edw ^d . Leeds.	Christopher Whichcote, Esq.
Stamp Brooksbank, Esq.	Clopton.
William Northey, Esq.	Mr. Roger Lacey
Homerton.	Mr. Edward Cockayne.
Matthew Howard, Esq ^r .	Mr. Alud Denne.
Fisher Jackson, Esq ^r .	Henry Ashton, Esq.
Mr. Michael Rean.	Rene Duboyville, Esq.
John Nicholas, Esq.	Mr. Francis Cooper.
Stephen Ram, Esq.	Capt. Alex. Garrett.
Mr. John Spillett.	Dorleston.
Samuel Webb, Esq.	Mr. Jonathan Collier.
Mr. John Brewer.	Shacklewell.
Mr. Edward Brooksby.	Samuel Tyssen, Esq.
Mr. William ffinch.	Mr. Samuel Woodfeild, } Churchwardens.
Samuel Ball, Esq.	Mr. James Grier, }
	Mr. John Woodfeild Deceased.

4th Oct^r., 1729.

The last minutes were read and confirmed except the minute relating to the repairing the Bridge in the Downes leading to Shacklewell.

Henry Ashton, Esq., moved that a Committee might be appointed to inquire whose right it is to repair the said bridge, which motion was seconded by Stamp Brooksbank, Esq.

Agreed, That the consideration thereof be referred to the Committee appointed at the last Vestry to treat with Capt. Branson Oulson (any three of them to be a quorum), and that Henry Ashton, Esq., and Mr. Alud Denne be added to the said Committee, and they are desired for that purpose to meet in the Vestry on Saturday morning next, by nine of the clock, and for their better Information to call to their assistance such of the Antient Inhabitants as they shall think proper, and make a report thereof at the next Vestry.

Stamp Brooksbank, Esq^r., reported that several Gentlemen of the Committee desired to treat with Capt. Branson Oulson, had met him, and taken a view of the ground, but it appearing that part of it is in the possession of the widow Johnson prevented them proceeding to any contract. Fisher Jackson reported that since that time Capt. Oulson had been with him and proposed to take a lease of the parish of the said ground under the consideration of the Committee for the term of fifteen years, at the yearly rent of Sixteen pounds, he having liberty to dig up and carry away the soyl thereof.

Agreed That it be referred to the said Committee finally to agree with him concerning the same, and that Henry Ashton, Esq^r., be added to the said Committee.

Agreed that ffisher Jackson, Esq., be desired to pay to Samuel Sadleir, out of the unappropriated moneys of this parish, the sum of Six pounds and nineteen shillings for his trouble and charges in attending Mr. Serg^t. Baynes for his

opinion relating to the erecting of a workhouse, and also for attending the parishon^{ers} twenty-two times in the vestry concerning the same.

25 Oct., 1729.

(A.) The bridge upon the Downs leading to Shacklewell reported to be in a very ruinous condition, and dangerous to persons going that way. Messrs. Tyssen and Ashton desired to wait upon Madam Tyssen, the Lady of the Mannor, to know of her whether she will be at a halfe part of the charge in repairing the said bridge, the alteration being made by her late husband, and if so they are to give directions for the repairing the same.

6 Dec^r., 1729.

(A.) Agreement between the Committee and Captain Branson Oulson, He to have a lease of the Hilly field, $3\frac{1}{2}$ more or less (acres understood?), part being now in his occupation and part in the hands of Widow Johnson and James Huggett, Jun^r., for the term of 17 years, at the yearly rent of £8 10s., and to pay a fine of £80 for the use of the poor of the parish of Hackney, £4 of which to go towards the payment of £8 to Wid: Johnson and Ja^s. Huggett, Jun^r., as a consideration for their surrendering their Lease, Oulson to have leave to dig and carry away Brick Earth and Tile clay for the term of fifteen years (part of the 17 years), but shall not have a pit open exceeding 20 feet in breadth across the said field till he hath filled up and made level that which he hath before dug, and that the rule and measure for his making the said level shall be taken from the bottom of the field next the brook, and to lay the ground in such manner as the water may run off into the said Brook, and for the two last years in a husband-like manner manure the s^d land and lay it down into Rye

Grass, Clover, and Trayfoile, and in the said two years to lay on the said land Seventy loads of good rotten dung.

(Signed by) BRANSON OULSON.
H. ASHTON.
FFISHER JACKSON.
WM. FFINCH.
BENJ. DEVINCK.
SAM. WOODFEILD.
JAMES GRIER.

23 March, 1729.

Agreed Unanimously that Henry Ashton, Henry Norris, Stamp Brooksbank, Stephen Ram, Samuel Tyssen, and Rene Duboyville, Esq^{res.}, be desired to accept of the Trust relating to Dr. Spurstowe's Charity, and they are desired to be at the proper Court to be held in Easter week, to be admitted on the surrender of Wm. Northey and Benjamin Rokeby, Esq^{rs.}, the present Trustees.

Officers appointed on Easter Tuesday, 1730.

Thomas Archer, Organist.

Rebecca Dowse, Sextoness.

John Austin, to look after the clock and chymes.

John Knoppel, to look after the Organ.

Robert Palmer, to blow the Organ bellows.

Edw^{d.} Hyde, to keep clean the Churchyard.

Amy Marsh, the Parish midwife.

ffrancis Davis, the Beadle.

Sam^{l.} Sadleir, Clerk to the Vestry.

for the year ensuing, at their usual salaries.

24 Oct., 1730.

Agreed that Mr. James Lewis Bershere (afterwards spelt Berchere) be chosen a vestryman of this parish, in the room

of John Ward, Esq., removed. Mr. Nicholas Bosquet also chosen.

(A.) The several Centry Boxes on the Great Road between Cambridge Heath and Cole Harbour to be repaired. Sarah Palmer appointed as organ blower, her father being dec^d.

20 April, 1731.

Ordered that in future no Churchwarden do lay out and expend above the sum^e of ffive pounds, including the ffees at Doctor's Commons and all other Expenses (on his admission into office). (This seems only to apply to one warden.)

A question again raised about the Mote behind the parish house, and whose right it is to repair and cleanse it.

18 Dec^r., 1731.

That John Weathered, Jun^r., be chosen to keep clean the Churchyard and the Cross way from each of the porches.

It was carried in the affirmative that another Beadle should be added to take care of the affairs of the parish.

Agreed that the person who shall be elected to discharge that office shall have the yearly Salary of twenty pounds, and a coate, hatt, and staffe.

Ordered that Samuel Sadleir, Clerk to the Vestry, do make a fair copy of the several Gifts and Rents belonging to this parish, and write it in a large round hand upon Vellum, and have it put into a frame and covered with Glass, and cause it to be hung up in the Vestry.

Agreed that Stamp Brooksbank, Henry Norris, and Samuel Tyssen, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Wood, the Churchwarden, be desired to wait upon the Lady Elizabeth Cass, & acquaint her that the Vestry apprehend that they have the right of placeing poor persons in Esq. Monger's almshouses, and unless she will make her right of presentation

appear, they will proceed to fill up the present vacancy in one of the said houses.

8 Jan., 1731, con.

Ordered that Samuel Sadleir, our Clerk, do forthwith endeavour to get a copy of Dr. Spurstowe's Will, and also an account of all Deeds and papers of or belonging to this Gift.

Agreed unanimously that a Vestry be held six times in every year, And that the next Vestry be held on the last Saturday in the month of february, at ten in the forenoon, and from that time on the last Saturday in every other month at the same hour.

4 March, 1731.

This Vestry was held this day, and not on the Saturday immediately preceeding, the Churchwardens and several Gentlemen of the Vestry being obliged to attend at Hick's-Hall upon a tryal relating to the parish.

The parish Rental to be writ fair over, & placed up in the Vestry.

A Committee appointed to treat & finally agree with any person or persons as shall have a mind to take a piece of land called Ravenleye, the Gift of Sir Stephen White, Knt., deceased, to the poore of this Parish, now in the occupation of Mr. John Harcourt, And they are desired to meet in the Vestry this day fortnight, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, to receive proposals. . . .

18 March, 1731.

Mr. Joseph Hill, of this parish, Vict., desired to have a Lease of the said ffield called Ravenleys, the Gift of Sir Stephen White, Kn^t., for 15 years from Lady Day next, at the yearly rent of Six pounds, payable halfe yearly, and agreed three years before the expiration of the said terme

to lay it downe with Rye Grass and Clover, and to continue it so till the expiration thereof, and not to Lopp or Topp any of the Trees which now are or hereafter shall be growing round the s^d ffield, except only so much as shall be necessary to keep the ffences round the same in repair; and also in the last year of the said Terme to lay, or cause to be laid, upon the said ffield thirty Loads of good rotten Dung or Manure. Agreed to.

11 April, 1732.

Among the persons returned to the Justices for them to appoint Overseers of the poor are Benj. Mendez De Costa, Jacob Mendez De Costa.

29 April, 1732.

Agreed that the Committee appointed at the last Vestry to meet a Committee of the hamlet of Bethnal Green to Settle the boundaries of the parish be desired to meet for that purpose on Saturday next, at ten in the forenoon, at the sign of the Three Colts, in Grove Street.

13 May, 1732.

It appearing by the report of ffrancis Davis, the Beadle, that there are several women placed in Mr. Monger's Almes-houses in Well Street contrary to the will of the said Mr. Monger, & that the annual payments have been made to them, Whereas the Will directs that only men should be there and receive those payments. Agreed that Henry Norris, Esq., be desired to waite upon the Lady Eliz. Cass and acquaint her that the Vestry desire that she will remove such persons, and place men in their room, according to the intent and in the method prescribed by the said will, and report her answer at the next Vestry.

(A.) Boundaries amicably settled between the parish of Hackney and the Hamlet of Bethnal Green, and distinguished by posts.

The names of the Gentlemen belonging to the Vestry,
Anno Dm. 1732.

The Rev^d. Mr. Peter Newcome, Vicar.

Church Street.
Mr. Nicholas Bosquet.
Mr. Henry Emmett.

John Nicholas, Esq.
Stephen Ram, Esq.
Mr. John Brewer.
Samuel Webb, Esq.
Mr. Edward Brooksby.

Mare Street.
Mr. Peter Arboine.
Arthur Wooley, Esq.
Mr. William ffinch.
Samuel Ball, Esq.
Mr. Gilbert Page.
Mr. Matthias King.
Mr. John Southern, Sen^r.
Samuel Read, Esq. (Dead).

Well Street.
Mr. Benjamin Devinck.

Homerton.
Mr. Charles Slaughter
(Dead).
Stamp Brooksbank, Esq.
Matthew Howard, Esq.
ffisher Jackson, Esq.
Mr. Michael Rean.
Mr. James Lewis Bershere.
John Spillett (resigned).

Grove Street.
Henry Norris, Esq.
Samuel Tyssen, Esq.
Christop^r. Whichcote, Esq.

Clopton.
Mr. Roger Lacey.
Mr. Edward Cockayne.
Rene de Boyville, Esq.
Mr. ffrancis Cooper.
Alexander Garrett, Esq.
Cap. Thomas Pangbourne.

Dorleston.
Jonathan Collier, Esq.

Mr. John Davis, }
Mr. Samuel Barnard, } Churchwardens.

Vacancies.

- * Mr. John Lewis, removed.
- * Henry Ashton, Esq., Deceased.
- * Mr. Alud Denne, Deceased.
- Mr. John Spillett, resigned.

* The first three scored through.

Oct. 28, 1732.

It appearing to the Vestry that there is now due to the Rev^d. Mr. Peter Newcome four pounds for preaching four sermons in the yeare 1712 and 1713, on the gift of the late Rev^d. Mr. Thomas Jameson, formerly Vicar of this parish, which not having been paid to him, Agreed that Mr. John Davis, the Churchwarden, be desired forthwith to pay to the said Mr. Newcome the said sume of four pounds out of the arrears which he hath received of the worshipful Company of Goldsmiths on that gift (Mr. Jameson's) (the arrears having been lately paid to the parish by that Company after a long dispute).

(A.) Cap. Branson Oulson seems to have died in poor circumstances, & his widow not being able to pay the arrears of Rent, is willing to resign the lease of Hilly ffield. The Vestry consents thereto.

26 Jan^y., 1733.

(A.) Mr. John Howard pays £20 for the use of the parish, is excused serving the three offices, and is elected a Vestryman. (Probably the father of the philanthropist. He is said to have been an upholsterer of London. His house was situate behind the house of Tho^s. Lucas, Esq., and the grounds extended over the site of Maitland Place. Dr. Robinson was therefore in error in assigning the site to Laura Place. The philanthropist was born 1727, and would therefore be six years old when his father was (as we suppose) chosen vestryman. The son sold the house in the year 1785 for about £3,000. It was pulled down, but we do not know when; Dr. Robinson says a few years ago. The son died at Cherson in 1790.)

3 June, 1734.

Mr. John Davis, the late Churchwarden, this day delivered to Mr. Morgan Bynon, the present Churchwarden of this parish, a Bond from the Chamber of London for

two hundred pounds, the Gift of the late Rev^d. Bishop Wood to this parish, dated the nineteenth day of January, 1724, which he received from his predecessor in that office.

27 July, 1734.

Agreed that Mr. Samuel Sadleir, Clerk to this Vestry, be allowed the sum of ten pounds and ten shillings for Engrossing a Church Rate for Mr. Samuel Woodfield when Churchwarden, and for parchment, and also for Collecting together the several gifts belonging to this parish from the year 1603 to this time, making fair copies of the several Wills to be put into the parish Chest, and engrossing a fair copy of the Parish rental, to be hung up in the Vestry room, and for a pear tree frame for it.

16 Oct., 1734.

Mr. Bershere's name is now spelt Berchere.

27 Nov., 1734.

Mr. Markham Spearing, Bricklayer, his Bill for Bricklayer's worke done at the Workhouse from Octo^r. the 11th, 1732, to the 10th of April, 1733, amounting to £13 4s. 9d., and he having received of Mr. John Evans, the Landlord of the said House, Six pounds 12s. 4d. in part of the said bill.

Ordered that Mr. Morgan Bynon, the Churchwarden, do pay the s^d Mr. Spearing Six pounds & twelve shillings in full satisfaction of the said Bill.—(Among other bills there is the Apothecary's Bill for Physick for the Poor, from April 16, 1733, to 24 April, 1734, £17 7s.

(A.) A Presentment made by Henry Norris and Alex^r. Garrett against the parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, for a ruinous Road in that parish leading from Hackney to London.—Penalty levied of £50 upon the Inhabitants of the said Parish, the said bad Road not being repaired in

the time limited by the Sessions. Mr. Sadleir vestry Clerk's Bill of costs amounted to £6 18s.

(A.) A meeting of Committee to view encroachments & nuisances in the Roads desired to meet at Colling's Coffee House, in Mare Street.

Among other things, the Committee report that there is a Stepping stone put up at Mr. Jacob's Door, in Mare Street, which projects so far into the Road that it is Dangerous to persons passing & repassing in Coaches in the night time, & therefore ought to be removed. And the Committee further report that they are Informed that formerly there was a Road or way out of Church Street through the field now in the occupation of Mr. Bynon & by the corner of a house late in the occupation of Mr. Bagnett, to the land belonging to Dr. Spurstowe's Almes houses near pick well, and that care should be taken to prevent the said way from being Intirely lost.

(Mem. Pigwell fields may have been a corruption of *Pick* well fields.)

And the said Committee, upon their further view, found the Ditch from the corner of the Road over against the five houses in Upper Homerton to Church Stile choaked up, & therefore it ought to be east & cleansed. And that the Ditch from the corner of the wall over against the five houses down the lane which leads to Mr. Gould's house ought to be opened, and a Dreyne made under ground cross the Road in the said lane into the Deep Ditch which hath its Current towards and emptieth itself into Dorleston Brook.

8 March, 1734.

Ordered that ffisher Jackson, Esq., Treasurer of the unappropriated moneys of this parish, do forthwith pay the sum of £1 9s. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., which this parish is rated towards re-imbursing one John White, an Inhabitant of St. Sepulchre's, the sum of £64 16s. 8d. Levy'd upon this by a

warrant from the Sheriff of Middx. on account of a Robbery committed within the Hundred of Ousselson, in the County of Middx., within which this Parish lyeth.

26 April, 1735.

Agreed that the several benefactors' names and the sumes bequeathed be wrote in Golden Letters, and put it into a handsome frame, and placed it up in the Church, and that Mr. Edward Brooksby, the Churchwⁿ. be desired to see the same effectually done, at the charge of the parish.

Agreed that Mr. Edw^d. Brooksby, the Churchwarden, do provide a new crimson Broad cloth Carpett to cover the Communion Table, and have it ffringed with a gold and silk ffringe, in the same manner as the pulpit cloth is.

16 Aug., 1735.

(A.) An engine bought of Richard Newsham cost £38 14s.
(Qy., a Fire Engine?)

6 September, 1735.

Spurstowe election. . . . The Question being put whether the Vestry shall now proceed to scratch for the ten petitioners according to the old method,

It was carryed in the negative.

The Question being put whether the petitioners should be reduced to four by hands,

It was carried in the affirmative, which being done, it fell upon the four following persons, out of which the Vestry proceeded to choose two, To wit,

Hannah England, aged 66 years,	iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii	16
Elizabeth Holmes, aged 71 D ^o .	iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii	18
Mary North, aged 59 D ^o .	i	1
Elizabeth Stanley, aged 60 D ^o .	iiiiiiiiii	8

The majority being for Elizabeth Holmes and Hannah England.

Agreed that they be returned to the said Mrs. Cooke,

that one of them may be appointed by her to fill up the said Vacancy.

(We have copied the above because it shows how an election by scratching was made. As we often read that the Vestry then proceeded to scratch, it is well to explain that this awkward entry involved no reproach on their good manners.)

25 Oct., 1735.

Stamp Brooksbank, Esq., reported that he hath received a letter from Mrs. Cooke, heir of the late Rev^d. Dr. W^m. Spurstowe, whereby she hath appointed Hannah England to fill up the vacancy in one of his Almes-houses occasioned by the Death of Ann Speed, and that he hath accordingly placed her there.

It appearing to this Vestry that the holding of Vestry Meetings on a Saturday is attended with Several Inconveniences, particularly it obstructs the Business of the Work-house, The Meetings of the Committee appointed to manage the said house being on that day. It is therefore ordered that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in December next, to ten of the clock in the forenoon, and that from time to time a Vestry be held on the first Monday in every other month at that hour.

5 July, 1736.

Complaint being made against Ann ffisher, one of the Searchers of this Parish, for having received money of divers Inhabitants of this parish under couler and pretence of making affadavits that the corps of several persons to whom they were related were Buryed in Woolen, but she not having made any such affadavits, thereby not only defrauding those persons of their money which she received for the purpose aforesaid, but also rendering them lyable to be prosecuted, and the Penalty Levy'ed upon them pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided—

Agreed unanimously that the said Ann ffisher be and she is hereby discharged from the said office of searcher.

1st November, 1736.

Fisher Jackson, Esq., acquainted the gentlemen of the Vestry that some time since his pocket book was privately taken out of his pocket as he was going to the East India House, and that the hundred pound East India bond belonging to the parish, and was placed in his hands, and which he was carrying to the said House to be marked, was in the said Book, and that he hath caused the same to be publickly advertised, and hath taken all proper means he can for the recovery thereof, but that it is not yet come into his possession. Consideration respited to the next Vestry.

£5 18s. 11d. ordered to be paid to Mr. Philip Betty, High Constable of the Tower Division, assessed on this parish to pay towards repairing the house of Correction at Clerkenwell.

3 January, 1736.

ffisher Jackson acquainted the Vestry that he hath not yet heard anything relating to the hundred pounds East India Bond.

(A.) He stated that he had laid a case before H.M. Solicitor General, but had not yet received his opinion.

The Vestry thought they ought to see a copy of the case submitted, in order that, if not approved of, they might cause a case to be prepared & submitted to such Counsel as they thought proper.

4 Jany., 1736.

Copy of Mr. Jackson's case was read, and at an adjourned Meeting the following Friday the Solicitor General's opinion was read.

To wit, Mr. Jackson being a mere Trustee of this Bond, without any Profit arising from it to himself, is not, I

conceive, answerable for this Loss occasioned without any default of his.

6 June, 1737.

Fisher Jackson seems to have ceased to hold the office of Treasurer of the unappropriated moneys of the Parish.

Mr. William Buck chosen a Vestryman, he having paid the usual £20 to be excused from serving the three offices.

29 Aug., 1737.

(A.) John Singleton chosen Sexton in the room of Mrs. Rebecca Dowse, who was old & infirm, and had not kept the accounts of Bell money properly.

Agreed unanimously that Henry Norris, Esq^{re}., be and he is hereby made choice of and appointed Treasurer of the unappropriated moneys of this parish, in the room of ffisher Jackson, Esq., who hath resigned that office (perhaps owing to some unpleasantness arising from the loss of the India Bond).

Names of the Select Vestry at Easter, 1737.

The Rev^d. Mr. Peter Newcome, Vicar.

Church Street.

Nicholas Bosquett.
John Foxall.
John Heasey.
John Davis.

Mare Street.

Arthur Wooley.
William Branson.
William ffinch.
Samuel Ball.
Matthias King.
Fisher Jackson.

Well Street.

Benj. Devinck.
Christopher Whichcote.

Homerton.

James Lewis Berchere.
Stamp Brooksbank.
Matthew Howard.
Michael Rean.
Nathaniel Ewer.
John Nicholas.
Stephen Ram.

Mr. John Harcourt gone away.	Grove Street.
Edward Brooksby.	Henry Norris.
William Buck dead.	Samuel Tyssen.
	John Spencer, dead.
	Alexander Garrett.
	Francis Cooper.
Clopton.	James Lever.
Edward Cokayne.	Rene Du Boyville.
John Howard.	John Pettett.
Thos. Pangbourne.	Dorleston.
Samuel Trench.	Jonathan Collier.
Mr. Robert Aldwinckle, } Mr. Thomas Rudge, } 37 in all.	Churchwardens.

The Names and Places of abode of the Select Vestry Men
at Easter, 1746.

The Rev^d. Dr. Robert Wright, Vicar.

Mr. Sam^l. Woolmer, }
Mr. Wm. Catlin, } Churchwardens.

Church Street.	Mr. Nehemiah Brookes.
Mr. John Foxall.	Andrew Hope, Esq.
Wm. Reynolds, Esq.	Well Street.
Mr. James Lamborn.	Mr. John Dekewer.
Mare Street.	Grove Street.
Arthur Woolley, Esq.	Henry Norris, Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Newton.	Samuel Tyssen, Esq.
Mr. William Branson.	John Lewis, Esq.
John Woven, Esq.	Homerton.
William Finch, Esq.	Alexander Sheafe, Esq.
Benjamin Ball, Esq.	Stamp Brooksbank, Esq.
Thomas Sikes, Esq.	
Matthias King, Esq.	

Richard Chiswell, Esq.
 Stephen Ram, Esq.
 Mr. Edward Brooksby.
 Mr. Jacob Albert.

Clopton.

Mr. Edward Cokayne.
 Robert Milner, Esq.
 Mr. Peter Auriol.
 James Lever, Esq.

Mr. Francis Cooper.
 Alexander Garrett, Esq.
 Mr. Thomas Pangbourne.

Dorleston.

Jonathan Collyer, Esq.
 Mr. Joseph Sureties.

Newington.

Mr. Edward Nutt.

36 in all.

Mr. James Lewis Berchere removed out of the parish.

Feb. 13th, 1737.

Mrs. Thurston, Mr. James Graham, and the Rev^d. Mr. Thomas Newcomb (probably this should be Newcome) applied to the Vestry to be accommodated with pews for their Schollars to sit in. A Committee appointed to take a view of the several pews in the Church, and report how they can be best accommodated.

(A.) Agreed (Feb^y. 27) That Mr. James Graham have the Gallery which Mrs. Ann Wallis and her Schollars used to sit in. That the Rev. Thomas Newcomb have the pew which Mr. James Graham used to have. That Mrs. Thurston have leave at her own charge to partition off part of the pew No. 49, and also to take in the pews No. 50 and 51 in the middle aisle of the Church, for her and her schollars.

April 10th, 1738.

Upon reading of a copy of a Caveat entered by Mr. Thos. Rudge, late Churchwarden of this parish, to prevent any person or persons being sworn into the office of Churchwarden or Churchwardens for the year ensuing, And also upon Reading of a copy of a Caveat entered by Mr. Edward Brooksby, in behalfe of himselfe and other Inhabitants of

this parish, to prevent the said Thomas Rudge, or any other person or persons (except those elected to execute that office at the last Vestry) being sworn into the said office of Churchwarden of this parish for the year ensuing.

Agreed That Mr. Charles Garrett do warn the Caveat lodged by the said Mr. Thomas Rudge, and also take proper steps to defend the Caveat lodged by the said Mr. Edward Brooksby.

2 Oct., 1738.

Agreed that two watchmen be set on the horseroad and two on the footway leading from Hackney to London, and that the watchmen on the horseroad do patrole together, for the better security of persons passing and repassing that way, and that the expense be defrayed out of the unappropriated moneys belonging to this parish. (The Rev. Mr. John Lewis, Curate, was in the Chair, the Vicar being dangerously ill.)

1 May, 1739.

The vestry proceeded to choose parish officers. Mr. Thomas Rudge withdrew before the Vestry proceeded to business. (Nothing appears to have been done as to Churchwardens, probably owing to the proceedings pending.)

22 Oct., 1739.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Wright delivered to the Vestry a key of the parish chest, which was delivered to the Rev. Mr. Lewis upon the death of Mr. Peter Newcome, the late Vicar. Agreed that the said Dr. Wright be and he is hereby desired to accept of the care of the said key, which was accordingly delivered to him for that purpose.

3 April, 1740.

Mr. Thomas Sikes paid a fine of £12, and was chosen a Vestryman in the room of Matthew Howard deceased.

May 4th, 1741.

Resolved that in case the Inhabitants of this parish, at their next parish meeting assembled, shall desire that a Sum of money may be paid out of the unappropriated money belonging to this parish towards building the Gallery in the South Chancel of the Church, That the Treasurer do pay to Mr. Henry Vaughan, the person employed to build the said Gallery, Thirty pounds on Accompt (which was reported paid by the Treasurer at the meeting on June 1).

[It is a singular question, where was the Gallery in the South Chancel? Was it in the Rowe Chapel, or clear of the Rowe Chapel, and so near the Communion Table (over George Clark's stone), or was it in the two bays of the South Aisle, to the west of the Rowe Chapel? A small Gallery had been put here previously. It seems most probable it was over the Rowe vault, and consequently inside the Rowe Chapel; but it may have been in the South Aisle, in front of Sir Thos. Rowe's monument.]

Among those who applied for pews in the new erected Gallery was a Mr. Jacomb.

23 Nov., 1741.

Mr. Fisher Jackson's pew be allotted to Mr. Henry Newcome and Mr. John Whittle and their families.

29 March, 1742.

Agreed that the said Mr. Richard Bodycoate (who had previously paid the usual fine) have leave to erect a pew in the Gallery late Mr. Joseph's, four feet and a half in front, and when erected that it be for the use of him & his family during their continuing Inhabitants of this parish. Mrs. Elizabeth Farquarsen & her family to have leave to sit in the second pew in the new erected Gallery from the entrance till further notice to the contrary.

20 April, 1742.

Thos. Archer remains in the office of Organist. Mr. John Tyssen has leave to pay the fine of Twenty pounds to be excused from serving the offices.

21 June, 1742.

Mr. W^m. ffussell to be paid £12 for removing the font. [It seems probable that the font was removed from the South Chancel for the erection of the new Gallery. If, therefore, it can be shown where the font was originally, it will assist in explaining where the new Gallery was erected; and if the font was at the top of the South Aisle, in front of Sir Thomas Rowe's monument, then the Gallery was probably erected there.]

7 Feb., 1742, o.s.

Mr. Benjamin Ball chosen a Vestryman in the room of John Howard, Esq., deceased.

23 Jan^y., 1743-4.

Agreed that Richard Chiswell, Esq., have leave to pay the sum of Twenty-five pounds in lieu of Serving the three offices of the parish of Saint John at Hackney, in the County of Middlesex, To wit, Surveyor of the Highways, Overseer of the Poor, and Churchwarden.

[It has not been customary before to specify the name of the parish at full length in these minutes of fines, but simply to say 'of this parish.' In this minute the name of the parish, 'Saint John at Hackney, in the County of Middlesex,' is written at full length. Query, was there any design in this, and does it mark the time when this title was more generally used? Strype was accustomed to call the church St. Augustin's so late as 21 Sept., 1707, on the title-page of one of his sermons, in the possession of the compiler, printed for John Wyat, at the Rose, in St. Paul's Churchyard, 1708. Price one Penny.]

Chiswell was elected Vestryman in the room of Rene De Boyville deceased, James Lamborn a vestryman in the room of Nicholas Bosquet deceased.

30 June, 1744.

Resolved and agreed, That the three pews under the Gallery, late Mr. Joseph's, be for the use of the maid servants, & that the men servants which used to sit in those pews be removed into the old christening pew, some Inconvenience having lately arose by their siting intermix^t. And that the Churchwarden do forthwith order the said pew to be made ready for them.

21 Jany., 1744.

Resolved unanimously—That it is the Opinion of this Vestry that one Beadle, if he is an honest, sober, Industrious man, will be very sufficient to do the business of this parish. Extract from election for Beadle, 28 Jan., 1744-5: 'And then they proceeded to scratch for one of those two to fill up the said vacancy, and James Atkins having one and twenty scratches and James Bolton but one, the said James Atkins was declared to be duly elected.'

28 Jan., 1744.

Resolved unanimously that the Churchwardens of this parish be and they are hereby desired, with the assistance of the Constables and Headboroughs, to use their utmost endeavours to put the Laws in execution against the several persons that exercise their Trades or ordinary callings within this parish on the Lord's Day, more particularly against the Ale-house keepers, that suffer Tipling in their houses in the Time of Divine service.

29 April, 1745.

That Henry Norris . . . do pay . . . Mr. Robert Catlin Bell founder, a sum not exceeding twenty-four pounds to Ballance the Bill due to him for new Casting the eight Bells belonging to this parish, and Mr. James Lamborn is desired

to pay the money that he hath, or shall hereafter receive, for that purpose, into the hands of the said Treasurer towards the said sum.

12 Oct., 1745.

Agreed that Capt. Thos. Wm. Fussell be allowed Two Guineas for making a model for the new Gallery and measuring Newington Road. . . .

Monday, 20 January, 1745.

At a Vestry then held (pursuant to public notice given in the parish Church of Saint John at Hackney, in the County of Middlesex) in order to fill up a Vacancy in one of the late Dr. Spurstowe's Almes-houses and consider of other affairs for the benefit and advantage of the parish. Present,

The Rev^d. Dr. Robert Wright, Vicar.

Mr. Howarth, }
Mr. Speed, } Churchwardens.

Mr. Collyer.	Mr. Auriol.
Mr. Ball.	Mr. Cokayne.
Mr. A. Garrett.	Mr. Lewis.
Mr. Sikes.	Mr. Woolley.
Mr. Milner.	Mr. Brooksby.

The last minutes were read.

Upon the petitions of Mary Bridge, Mary Baker, Eliz^h. Hugh, Elizabeth Thompson, and Mary Wright, widows, that two of them may be returned to Mrs. Cooke, Heir of the late Rev^d. Dr. William Spurstowe, that one of them may be appointed to fill up the present vacancy in one of his Almes-houses occasioned by the death of Ann Room, widow.

Ages.

69	Mary Bridge	i
49	Mary Baker	
59	Elizabeth Hugh	iiiiiiiiiiii
77	Elizabeth Thompson	iiiiiiiiiiiiii
73	Mary Wright	i

The majority being for Elizabeth Thompson and Elizabeth Hugh.

Resolved that they be returned to the said Mrs. Cooke for the purpose above mentioned.

(We have given this entry at length to show the mode of proceeding.)

Complaint being made that the Organ in the Church hath been for a considerable time past and is now very much out of repair,

The following proposal was delivered by Mr. Richard Bridge, Organ Builder,

To take out all the pipes, and Examine the Sound board and upper boards and stops, to clean it all the brings (?), to Ear all the pipes in the front and inside where wanting, which will strengthen the pipes as well as the Sone (? sound), to stop up all the inside pipes in a proper manner, and to voice and tune the whole, the Trumpet excepted, which cannot be done without new, for the sum of ffifteen pounds.

(Signed) RICHARD BRIDGE.

Agreed—That the above proposal made by the said Richard Bridge be & the same is hereby accepted, and that he do take out the Trumpet stop, it being prejudicial to the said Organ, and that the Churchwarden do order it to be deposited in a proper place.

21 April, 1747.

(A.) Mr. Francis Creuze paid the fine of £25 in lieu of serving the offices, and was chosen Vestryman in the room of James Lewis Berchere, removed out of the parish.

John Ellicott in the room of Stephen Ram, dec^d, John Tyssen in the room of Matthias King, dec^d.

12 April, 1748.

The Gentlemen of the Vestry having received information that Mrs. Jane Stoakes hath lately caused an ancient ffoot-

way leading from Homerton to the parish of Bow to be stopped up, to the prejudice of His Majesty's subjects that have occasion to pass and repass that way.

Resolved Unanimously—That Mr. James McGill, the Churchwarden, do forthwith cause the said Obstruction to be removed in the best way and manner that he can.

30 May, 1748.

Mr. James McGill acquainted the Gentlemen that Mrs. Jane Stoakes hath caused the way to be opened near the Wick that hath been for some time stopped up by her Order.

Agreed that Mrs. Mary Roberts have the pew where the Rev^d. Mr. Thomas Newcomb's schollars used to sit for the use of her schollars as long as she shall continue an Inhabitant of this parish.

24 Sept., 1748.

(In the election of a Searcher.)

Agreed that we proceed to scratch for one of these two to fill up the said vacancy, and they had seven scratches each, but Doct^r. Wright being in the Chair declared in favour of Elizabeth Bishop, who having the casting Voice, she is duly elected, and was sworn well and truly to Execute the said office before Henry Norris and Samuel Tyssen, Esq^s., two of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the County of Middlesex.

2 December, 1749.

Mr. Norris acquainted the Gentlemen present that the several parishes, hamlets, & Liberties within the Tower Division intend to apply to Parliament for a bill to impower them to erect a Court of conscience for the recovery of small Debts within the said Division. Agreed unanimously that it is the opinion of this Vestry that this Parish do joyn with them in taking such steps that are necessary to obtain the said Bill.

(A.) Mr. Norris, the Treasurer, authorised to pay £27 17s. 10d., proportion to be paid by this Parish of the cost of carrying this Design into execution.

Two hundred Broad sides printed to encourage the apprehending of highwaymen, House breakers, &c.

Mr. George Clear acquainted the gentlemen present that the parish house, wherein he hath for many years past and now lives, is very much out of repair, and therefore desires that a view may be taken of it, and put into such a condition as shall be thought necessary, and then he will be willing to take a Lease of it for one and twenty years. A Committee appointed to meet thereon and report.

19 March, 1749.

Mr. Norris laid before the Vestry a Bill of Expenses and for loss of time of Mary Smith, Sarah Merritt, James Cornwell, and John Johnson in attending at Hicks-Hall and at the Sessions House in the Old Bailey five days in order to prosecute William Clarke for stealing of a gown belonging to the said Mary Smith, and was taken upon him, who by reason of sickness was not tryed, and before the next Sessions dyed in Newgate, amounting to three pounds and six shillings. Upon taking the said case into consideration, and to encourage persons to be diligent and active in apprehending and prosecuting such offenders, It is hereby resolved That the said Mr. Norris do pay out of the unappropriated money belonging to this parish the said Bill, and also the further sum of two pounds and ten shillings as a reward to and amongst the said several persons, in such proportions as he shall think proper.

(A.) Mr. John Darnell, of Dorleston, in this Parish, Gardener, attended and proposed to take a Lease of the poor's Land called Well Street Common, now in his occupation, & containing by Estimation three acres little more or less, for the term of one and twenty years from Lady Day next, at the yearly Rent of Two pounds and five shillings, payable

half yearly, and to contain all usual covenants, and to execute a Counter part thereof. Upon taking the said proposal into consideration, It is resolved that the same be and it is accepted, and that the Rev^d. the Vicar and the Churchwardens of this parish be desired and impowered to execute a Lease of the said Land to the said John Darnell accordingly, he executing a Counter part thereof.

Mr. Leonard Snee chosen a Vestryman in the room of Samuel Tyssen, Esq., deceased.

17 April, 1750.

(A.) The Committee appointed to view the Parish House report it very much out of repair, & that One hundred pounds ought to be laid out to put it into a proper condition to let it upon Lease for 21 years. And the said Mr. George Clear being present (the tenant), proposed to take the said House and premises (in the condition it is now) for the Term of one and twenty years from Lady Day last past, and to lay out and expend the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain within the space of Two years from this day towards repairing the said house and premises, Provided he is abated four pounds per annum of the present Rent. Upon debateing the matter, and it appearing manifestly for the advantage of the parish to accept of the said proposal, Resolved that it be accepted, and a lease be executed by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of this parish for 21 years at £10 per ann^m., being four pounds p annum less than the present Rent.

Resolved that Mr. George Clear do serve all the bread that is used and given away in the Church until further orders to the contrary. (From this it would appear that Mr. Clear was a baker, and the parish house his place of business.)

18 Commissioners appointed for the Court of Requests

for the Tower hamlets. Among them are Henry Norris, Lamborn, Dekewer, and Jeremiah Marlow.

The Act having cost more than was expected, this parish's share of the additional expence is £3 9s. 10d.

9-16 Feby., 1750.

(Mr. Sadleir, the Clerk to the Vestry, appears to have died in the interval between 15 October and 9 Feb., 1750, O.S.) On 16 Feb^y. Mr. Richard Dann was appointed Clerk.

(Counsel's opinion obtained whether Alderman Gascoyne is warranted in deducting the Land Tax from Henry Monger's annuity, to the effect that the Land Tax is not to be deducted out of the said Annuity. Clerk to give Alderman Gascoyne a copy of Case and opinion. (On being shown the case & opinion he paid the arrears.)

(There was a similar matter in dispute with the Mercer's Company as to the tax being deducted from the Annuity of £4 16s. given by the will of S^r. Henry Rowe, Knt.)

Mr. Sureties acquainted the Gentlemen of the Vestry that the wooden foot bridge leading to Dorleston over the Brook at the bottom of Ward's Garden wall, next the brick Coach bridge, is very much decayed and out of Repair, and dangerous for Passengers. . . . That Mr. Jeremiah Marlow have leave to pay the sum of £25 in lieu of serving the three offices, &c. He was chosen a Vestryman.

In the return made to the Justices of a number of persons of whom two were to be nominated & appointed Overseers of the poor of the said parish for 1752 are a number of Jewish names, showing that there must have been a numerous colony of Jews in Hackney Parish. There are one or two Dutch names, as William Isaac Kops, Cornelius Vandewaal, and Beercroft Stonhverer. (Robert Grosvenor, Jun^r., also appears.)

The Jewish names are—

Aaron Gomez da Costa.	Abraham ffranco.
Joshua Israel Brandon.	Jacob Levi Sonsino.
Isaac Duwart Rebello.	Abraham Judah.
Abraham de Medina.	Isaac Silver (perhaps an an-
Moses Lamego.	cestor of S. W. Silver).

Isaac Foster is not certain to be Jewish, nor Nathaniel Sanderson.

The persons appointed were Jerry Bowne and Daniel Stacy, who may have been of Jewish descent, though the use of Old Testament names had been very common for the previous century. In Robinson's Hist^y. of Hackney a Mr. Solomons is named as living at Clapton House. He was concerned with the Jewish Cemetery in Grove Street.

31 March, 1752.

Ordered that the Clerk do provide a Book, wherein shall be entered the names of all the Inhabitants of this Parish, with the time of their having been Inhabitants (as near as possibly can be). (It would require a large Book to contain the names of the inhabitants contained in the same limits at present.)

Agreed That a Committee be & the same is hereby appointed to audit the Accompts of the Rev^d. Dr. Robert Wright as Treasurer to the Charity of the late Dr. Henry (?) Spurstowe, And that Mr. Norris, Mr. Dekewer, Mr. Boddicott, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Rous, and Mr. Hooper be the said Committee, &c. (afterwards altered to Messrs. Sikes and Norris, as Trustees only had been used to audit the accounts).

29 August, 1752.

The clerk laid before the Vestry two Copys of the Catalogue of the Deeds, Books, & papers found in the Parish Chest the 17 April, 1732.

(Ordered afterwards that the Catalogue be checked and completed to date.)

3 Feb., 1753.

Stamp Brooksbank resigns the Trusteeship of Spurstow's Charity. In a P.S. to his letter he says, 'The way from Church Street to the Land belonging to the Charity (over which a wooden bridge was laid by my order) will be in danger of being lost if not asserted and used.'

(A question having arisen as to the Mercer's Company deducting the Land Tax from Sir H. Rowe's annuity), Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint Mr. Charles Crump, Clerk to the said Company of Mercers, London, that this Parish hath taken the opinion of Councillor Browning relating to the said Annuity, who is of opinion that the Land Tax is not to be allowed out of the said Annuity.

Ordered that proper measures be taken to find out the will of Dr. William Spurstow, & that search be made in the Vestry Books of this Parish to find the first minutes after the Death of the s^d Dr. Spurstow relating to his Almshouses.

(A.) A piece of land called Ravenleys, the gift of Sir Stephen White, being resigned by Mary Hill, & the lease now expired, a Committee is appointed to meet at Mr. Slater's Coffee House in Church Street to receive proposals from those desirous to take it. A lease of it granted to John Hughes for 21 years, at £6 per ann., on certain conditions.

30 March, 1753.

Robert Grosvenor paid the usual fine of £25, and was chosen a Vestry man.

Mr. Robert Chambers delivered to the Vestry from Mrs. Wright, widow of the Rev. Dr. Wright, dec^d., late Treasurer to Dr. Spurstow's Charity, the Book of accmpts, and several papers & writings belonging to the said Charity

which were in the hands of the said Dr. Wright, And Mr. Norris acquainted the Vestry that he hath recēd the Ballance of the said Dr. Wright's Accompts as Treasurer as afore-said, being the sum of One hundred & Seven pounds one Shilling & Sevenpence, including a bond for fifty pounds from the Chamber of London. The Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite & two others were added to the Trustees of said Charity.

24 April, 1753.

The election of a vestryman void, he being only a lodger, and his fine for all offices to be returned to him again.

Business to be done by the Home Beadle, To assist the Minister, Churchwardens, & Overseers of the Poor in collecting the King's Letter and Breifs, and also the Overseers of the poor in collecting the Poor's Rate, at the first time of their going about the Parish, If required by them. To search after, and take account of, all Housekeepers and Lodgers, Intruders, as well those who now are, as who shall hereafter come into the Parish, And the places of their Settlements, acquainting them they must either bring Certificates or remove; keep lists of them, and give notice to the Justices, the Churchwardens, the Committee of the Workhouse, Parish Meetings, and to the Clerk of the Vestry. To apprehend all Vagrants and wandering Beggars, and carry them before some or one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law, and that this be his constant & daily care & business. To apprehend all Persons whom he shall see riding in or upon their Carts, Drays, Carrs, or Waggon, not having some other Person or Persons on foot to guide or conduct the same, contrary to the Statutes in the case made and provided; and to carry them before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, That they may be punished as the said Statutes direct.

Business to be done by the Out-Beadle. To attend Vestries, Parish Meetings, Committees, and Petty Sessions,

and deliver out sumōns's, and fetch & carry the Parish Books on all necessary Occasions. To attend on the Churchwardens, and receive and execute their orders, in all affairs and business relating to the Parish. To carry foreign poor to their Settlements, If ordered by the Justices or Church wardens. To attend the Sick Poor to & from the Workhouse of this parish and to the Hospitals. To attend on the Committee appointed to manage the Workhouse, at their several meetings, to receive and execute such orders and Directions as the said Committee shall from time to time find necessary to give.

Business to be done by both the said Beadles. To attend the Churchwardens (if required by them), to see that no persons sit tipling in any of the Publick-houses in this Parish in time of Divine Service. To attend every Sunday at the Steps going out of the Church yard into Church Street, To wit, one of them at the Steps facing the Great West Door of the Church, the other at the steps by the house of Mr. Saunders the apothecary; and that neither of them do permitt any Coach to draw up before the said steps, so as to hinder foot passengers from crossing directly from thence to the other side of the Street, Untill the Coachman shall be called to by the Beadle there placed; And he is not to call to any Coachman till he himself sees the Company to whom the Coach belongs coming up, and ready to go into it. To prevent idle persons from playing, or committing any disorders in the Church yard in time of Divine Service. To attend the parish Officers whenever they divide into two Company's in collecting the King's Letter and Breifs. And generally to Inquire Diligently after, and give proper Notice of, everything whereby the Parish may have or receive any Benefit or Damage. The Committee are likewise of Opinion That the Habit of each of the said Beadles be a blue Surtout coat, with a Scarlet Cape, and a broad gold lace, round the Cape only, and a Gold laced Hatt.

The Committee also apprehend that it will be to the Interest and Advantage of the Parish If leave be given them to serve the office of Constable or Headborough of this Parish, from time to time, in the stead of any Person or Persons who shall desire it. Report approved, with some unimportant alterations, such as the apprehending persons riding in their carts to be the business of both the Beadles. Copies of these regulations to be given to the Beadles, and also hung up in the Vestry Room.

(A.) The Committee appointed to apply to the Mercer's Company report through Mr. Dekewer that the Company refuse to pay Arrears of the Annuity given to this parish by Sir Henry Rowe without deducting the Land Tax, and will go to Law about it.

18 June, 1753.

The Rev. Mr. Thos. Cornthwaite, Vicar, was present, but there not being a sufficient number of Vestrymen present, the meeting dissolved of course.

11 August, 1753.

The parish appear to have given up the contest with the Mercer's Co. about the Land Tax, and received the Annuity deducting said Tax.

The place of Organist declared vacant. That the salary of the Organist shall for the future be Twenty pounds by the year, And that for his said salary he shall attend on all Sundays in the year, and on all days whereon a Sermon shall be preached (fast days excepted), and that on every Sunday throughout the year a voluntary shall be played after both morning and evening service. That an advertisement be published in the paper called the *Daily Advertiser*.

Ordered that a book be provided to enter the foul

minutes. (The Candidates for the place of Organist were asked what attendance they proposed to give, whereupon)

Mr. Edward Henry Purcell proposed to attend personally every other Sunday throughout the year, And during the Winter half year, to wit, from Michaelmas to Lady Day, he will also attend personally in the afternoon of each of the four intermediate Sundays, and he promised that at those times when he shall not attend personally he will employ such a Deputy to officiate for him as shall be to the satisfaction of the Gentlemen of the Vestry. (The other Candidates proposed to attend personally every Sunday.)

Agreed that the method of this present election be by scratching for all at once, And that the Person who hath the majority of votes shall be the person elected. Mr. Edward Henry Purcell was elected.*

16 April, 1754.

(A.) Henry Norris, John Dekewer, and four others are to dispose of the Rent (£6 p ann.) of the field called Ravenleys, purchased with £100, the gift of Sir Stephen White, deceased (in his Life time).

(Part of the Rent of Ravenleys was used in making up the deficiency in the funds for distributing bread in the Church, and part was distributed in money to 8 persons.)

* He was grandson of the composer. In Cumming's life of Henry Purcell ('Great Musicians') we read: 'Chamberlaine's Magnæ Britannia Notitia, 1737, on page 219, gives the "children's names" of the Chapel Royal, and there we find *Edward Henry Purcell*. The correctness of the name is confirmed by an entry in a magnificent book of music now in the Queen's library in Buckingham Palace. The volume is wholly in Henry Purcell's autograph. It had belonged to Edward Purcell, and contains an entry in his hand: "Score booke—Anthems and welcome songs, and other songs, all by my father." At the other end of the book is an autograph inscription, "Ed. H. Purcell, Grandson to the Author of this book." Henry Purcell the composer was born in 1658, and was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey in 1680.

14 Feb., 1756.

Resolved That four lamps be erected in the Church yard, in such places as shall be most convenient for lighting the same. . . . Resolved that a Committee be and the same is hereby appointed to take a view of the several springs arising in any Waste, or Common, or Ground between Church Street and Newington adjoining to the Brook, and which may be made to empty themselves therein, and to make an Estimate of the Expence of opening them, And the names of such persons as will receive any particular advantage therefrom, and that (then follows a List of the Committee, &c.). . . .

Resolved That it is the opinion of this Vestry that Bearers be appointed to attend at the Funeral of persons to be buried in this Parish.

(£15 16s. was collected on the fast day, and it seems to have been an extraordinary occasion,* as a Committee was appointed to distribute the amount.)

20 April, 1756.

Robert Purnell was among the persons whose names were returned for Overseers of the Poor.

William Reynolds, Esq., reported that the Committee appointed to view the springs arising near the Brook had met, and given orders to the surveyor to open some of the largest of those springs, and had agreed to defer the opening the rest untill Midsummer, at which time they should be the best able to judge which of those springs were the most likely to answer the end proposed.

(Bills were ordered to be paid, being expences of the Constables and Headboroughs of this Parish in impressing men for his Majesty's service, by virtue of Warrants from the Lords of the Admiralty.

* Probably consequent on the earthquake at Lisbon. See Horace Walpole's letter of Feb. 12, 1756.

29 May, 1756.

The death of the Vestry Clerk was reported. A Committee appointed to settle the Duty of the Vestry Clerk.

12 June, 1756.

The Report of the Committee appointed to settle the duty of the Vestry Clerk was read, and is as follows, to wit,

To attend at Vestries, Parish Meetings, Committees, and Auditts, take all minutes and Reports and enter them fair, and enter all accompts after they are audited, and make out copies of all such Orders & Resolutions as require it.

To make out Summons's for Vestries, Committees, and Auditts, and take care that proper notice is published in the Church of all Parish Meetings and Vestries.

To keep an account of all such Persons coming into the Parish to inhabit whose Settlements are not therein as the Beadle shall from time to time give him notice of, that proper Methods may be taken to prevent their being chargeable to the Parish.

When Persons are brought into the Parish by Orders of Removal, the Beadles are immediately to acquaint him of it, that those persons may be examined before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace whether they belong to the Parish or not, that in case the Justice should think it necessary, Appeals to the Sessions may be lodged in proper time, and if necessary adjourned to the Sessions following; and he is in the intervals of the Sessions to endeavour to settle such Disputes without putting the Parish to the expence of trying an Appeal.

To take the alteration of the Inhabitants, and make up the several Rates, and get those allowed by the Justices which require it, and keep up the account of the Inhabitants in the Book for that purpose.

To advise and assist the Parish Officers on their coming into their several offices, and in all affairs to consult the

Interest of the Parish, and observe everything by which it may receive either Benefit or Detrement, and inform the proper Persons of the same, and afterwards lay the same before the next Parish Meeting or Vestry, or which of them it may more particularly belong to.

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Vestry that the person who shall be chosen Vestry Clerk be allowed fifteen pounds p ann. for the said business, as settled in the said Report. (Richard Dann was elected, probably the son of the old Clerk.)

Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1756.

The Churchwarden acquainted the gentlemen present with his reason for calling them together, which was that the Church of this parish very much decayed, and required some considerable reparations to be done thereto, and also that the Church yard, by reason of the smallness of it, and the Great increase in the Inhabitants, was so much filled that there was scarce room left to dig any new graves therein, and that the owners of Church Field had demanded One hundred and sixty pounds for little more than One Quarter of an acre for enlarging the said Yard.

Resolved that a Committee be and the same is hereby appointed to consider of the repairs necessary to be done to the said Church with regard to the Pavement, new casing the Outside, and modelling the Pews, ceiling the Roof, and raising it, and also to take a through view of the state of the said Church and to consider what will be the best method to repair and enlarge it, and to make a calculation of the number of persons the Church may then hold, and the amount of the Expences of doing it; and that the Gentlemen present be the said Committee, and that any five of them be a Quorum, and that the following persons be Surveyors, to wit, Mr. John Price, of Houndsditch; Mr. Taylor, of Spittlefield; and Mr. Ant. Child, of the Old Bayley.

Mr. Purcell attended, and being called in, he acquainted the Vestry that the reason of his not attending on Easter Tuesday last was occasioned by his being out of Town, but he promised to attend constantly on that day for the future, and he was told not to play his Voluntaries so long, nor his Interludes in so light a manner as he sometimes doth, and it was Agreed that he be continued in his place of Organist until Easter Tuesday, and that the Churchwarden do pay him his Salary from last Easter Tuesday.

Resolved that the Vacancy in this Vestry occasioned by the death of Stamp Brooksbank, Esq., be filled up at the next Vestry.

Present, the Rev. Mr. Cornthwaite, Vicar, &c.

Saturday, Nov. 6th, 1756.

The Rev. Mr. Cornthwaite reported that since the last Vestry he had talked with Mr. Ryder, one of the Owners of Church field, concerning their demand for a piece of Land for enlarging the Church yard, and that Mr. Ryder told him they would take One hundred pounds for the said land, but not less.

Report of Mr. Price and Mr. Taylor ab^t the Church.

Gentlemen, We have taken a thorough View of the State of your Parish Church, and do think there can be no enlarging the plan without taking the body of the said Church down and rebuilding the same, the Charge of which, and the number of Persons it may then hold, cannot be ascertained without accurate plans, Elevations, and Sections; But we think it may amount to about the sum of £5,000, and the Steeple to remain as it is.

We have also considered how the said Church could be made the most commodious on the present plan, and do think that the middle Isle should be eight feet wide, and the Side Isles five feet wide, and that the Clamps of pews on each side between the middle and the side Isles should be chiefly single pews with Benches and Desk Boards, and that there

should be built a range of Galleries the whole length on each side of the Church, with three rows of pews on the North Side and four rows on the South Side, that being three Feet wider than the North, with a Passage behind them on each side; and in order to make the said Galleries usefull, the Roof of the side Isles should be raised to about twenty-six feet from the floor of the Church to the Ceilings of the Galleries, and the Columns and Gothick Arches which support the Roof of the Middle Isle of the Church should be taken down. Consequently the whole Roof of the Church must be taken off, and all the old Pews and Galleries cleared away. We think that the floor of the Church should be raised to the highest part of the Church-yard, which would give some assistance to the making of Vaults for burying under the whole body of the Church, the Arches of which should spring from Piers and groyned, the Piers to have Stone caps and Plinth, and that the walls on the North and South sides of the Church should be taken down as low as the footing, and rebuilt with brick work faced with Grey Stock bricks, with two Rows of windows on each side, the upper Row to be five windows in each Row, the lower row to be three windows on the North side and four windows on the South side, all the said windows to have stone cills and Bricks arces guaged and set in Putty, the windows to have Irons frames set nine inches within the face, and an Iron casement to each window, and to be glazed with the best crown glass in lead work; to leave two Doorways in the North wall and one in the South wall, the said walls to have a stone Plinth and to be coped with the old stone new set & made good, and we think that the pews and Galleries as above disposed will contain One Thousand & Ten people to be seated, exclusive of the Isles and Passages. And we think the best manner of Roofing the Church would be with One Roof, to span the whole Church from side to side, and to be covered with Lead, the old Lead to be changed and relayed. The Roof should be

supported with two Rows of Columns & Pilasters, four Columns and two Pilasters in each Row, w^h Architraves over the Columns, to be continued all round the Church. The Ceiling of the middle part of the Church should be coved, and to spring from the said Architraves, and the Ceilings of the Galleries should be plain. The Church should be new Paved, the middle Isle and Chancel with new Portland Paving and black Dotts, the side Isle and west End with the old paving, new squared and laid, with a black marble Step at the Alter. All the Pews should be new floored & Oak Curbs and Joysts, all the Inclosures of the Pews & Partitions and Desk boards to be of right Wainscott, and also of the Galleries; the Inner Partions (qy. partitions?) of the Pews to be made with the old Pewing and new capping, the Bences (qy. benches?) to be of Deal; and we think there should be a new Pulpit, with a new Clark and Reader's Desk, all which particulars should be described by Plans, Elevations, and Sections.

We have also computed the expense of the above mentioned work, which, when compleatly finished, will amount to the sum of £3,300.

If it should be thought proper to continue the Walls, Piers, Arches, and Roof as they now are, yet we think it necessary that the floor should be new paved, the Pews new modelled and made new, and a new Ceiling and Joyst, with a new Pulpit and Reader's and Clark's Desk. And we think that the old Plaistering on the outside of the Church should be taken off, and all the said walls should be new plaistered with finishing, and that the old windowe Frames in the side walls should be new glazed with Crown Glass in Lead work, the expense of which will amount to about £940.

We are, Gentlemen,
Your humble Servants,
WM. TAYLOR,
JOHN PRICE.

Nov. 5th, 1756.

Mr. Child's first Estimates.

To the Churchwardens & the Inhabitants of Saint John at Hackney, I humbly offer these Several Estimates for repairing and enlarging the Parish Church.

To take the Galaries down & Pews in the Body of the Church.

To take down the Roofs over the middle and side Isles.

To take down the North and south walls to the Heads of the windows.

To take down the two rows of Columns and Arches, And Attick wall above.

To build on the North and South walls a three Brick wall of thirty feet high above the new pavement of the Church.

To make Windows in the wall over the old windows with proper Iron Barrs and glazed with Crown Glass in strong lead, one Casement in each window, Iron work painted in Oyl.

To make a new Roof of Fir to Spand the width of the Church, and flat ceiling and three flowers of Plastering thereon.

To cover the Roof with the best Slates, Lead on the Ridge, and Gutters leaded, and four Stacks of Pipes of Lead, and wood cages or Trunks ten feet above the Ground.

To make Gallaries on each side the Church & an Organ Gallary, To ascend to the Gallaries by four staircases.

To make and fix down Ground Plates & Joysts out of the old Roofs.

To fix two Stacks of Pews and two Ranges of Side Pews, and end Pews, with new Fronts of Wainscott.

All the Partitions to be of the old Pews, or made good with Deal, the Capping of the partitions to be of Deal painted.

To make Seats and Desk boards of the old stuffs if wanted, to be made good with new Deal.

To make new Fronts to the Gallaries of Deal, supported by Columns & painted in Oyl.

To make ranges of Pews in the Gallaries on each side the Church, and to finish an Organ gallery all of Deal, to lay the floor of old and new deal.

To repair the Pulpit and Desk.

To make new outside doors to the Church, with Hinges and Fastnings.

To make stone steps to descend into the Church.

To cover the battlement walls with stone.

To make stone cills to the new windows, to Plaister the walls of the Church, and under the Galary and about the windows, and white the same.

To Pave the middle Isle with Purbeck Stone, & to lay the old stone in the side & end Isles.

To fix locks & hinges on all the Pew doors, & proper hinges and fastnings to the outside Doors. This whole repair is estimated to the sum of Eleven hundred and Sixty One pounds by
Gentlemen,

£1,160.

To hold

1,000 Persons.

Your humble Servant,

ANTHONY CHILD.

Nov. 6th, 1756.

Thus repaired, the Church will have Seats for One Thousand People.

Mr. Child's second estimate by a Modell.

To take down the Pews & Gallaries.

To take down the Roofs and North & South walls to the Ground, and to take down the Columns and Arches and Attick wall.

To make three Arches or Burying Vaults under the North & South Isles, as may appear by the Modell.

To build with Grey Stocks, the Arches laid and set in Mortar, the North & South walls of the Church three

Bricks and a half thick to the Gallereys, and three Bricks thick to thirty feet above the intended Paving of the Church, the Parapet walls to be one foot above the Gutters.

To raise the end Walls to the height the Roof shall require, and to cope the walls with Stone, and make proper windows as by the Modell may more fully appear, wth Iron Bars thereto, and one Casement to each window, all the windows glazed with Crown Glass and strong Lead.

To frame a strong Trust Roof of Fir, and Slated with Westmorland Slate, and Lead on the Ridge, and proper Gutters leaded, and four Stacks of Rain water Lead Pipes, and four Cistern Heads, and wood Trunks seventeen feet high.

To frame a ceiling floor under the Roof, and to Brackett the Ceiling with a Quarter Circle to the Walls, down to a Veteran Plinth, and to make Groyns at each window.

To lath & Plaster the Ceiling of the Church, and Groyns, and under the Galary, and to render all the walls of the Church & white the same.

To make three Flowers in plaistering in the Ceiling. To make Galleries supported by Columns standing on the walls of the Vaults, as by plan, fronts of the Galleries to be of deal painted, pews old & new therein.

To make and fix proper posts on the new floor of the Church to carry the Sills of the middle Isle Pew Floors, and to fill the middle of the Church between the Vaults with the Rubbish that shall be made by taking down the Church.

To frame Floors for the pews to stand on out of the old Oak or Chestnut of the Roof, and to make good with new if wanted.

To lay the floors with yellow whole deal.

To make wainscott fronts to the Pews, and the Partitions to be of the old pews, with locks and hinges to each door.

To make Seats and Desk boards & bearers of the old, and to make good with new deal when wanting.

To make four Portalls & Partitions to the Doors, and Stair case Partitions, all of Deal painted.

To make four Stair Cases to the Gallaries, with a circular opening and with Rails, all of Deal.

To make four pair of Outside Doors, with proper hinges & fastnings.

To make Purbeck steps to each door to ascend into the Church, and Stone Jams and Head & Sill Trusses, and Flat of Stone over each Doorway.

To make Stone Cills to each window.

To pave the Middle Isle of the Church with Purbeck in Courses, and that part of the Chancell between the Vestry Room and the Sepulchre to be paved with Portland Stone, and Step thereto.

To make a new Pulpit and Sounding board & Stairs and Desk, as by the Plan doth appear, all of wainscott.

To new fix the Rails and Balusters to the Chancell.

The whole repair estimated to the Sum of fifteen hundred and Ninety-three pounds by,

Gentlemen,

Your humble Servant,

ANTHONY CHILD.

Thus repaired, the Church will have seats for Eleven hundred people, exclusive of the Isle, which will contain about Eight hundred people.

For a new Church and Steple.

Mr. Child's Third Estimate. }

To contain ab^t 1,200. }

To build a new Church of such a dimension as will seat in Pews Twelve hundred people in a proper manner, viz^t. :

The walls to be of Brick, with a stone subplinth, windows & door ornaments of Portland Stone, with a strong Roof of Fir covered with the best Slates, Lead Ridge and Gutters,

and the Ceiling to spring from the four Corners of the Church to the Center of the ceiling, in the manner of a Dome, making four Arches against the four walls, decorated with proper plaster Ornaments, the Church pewed with wainscott in single seats, a Wainscott Altar Piece, a Pulpit of Wainscott, inlaid, a Wainscott Reading Desk & Clark's Desk, & Gallareys on each side, and four stair cases built adjoining to the Body of the Church for to ascend to the Gallarys, the Church to be paved of Portland Stone, the outside Doors Wainscott, with Purbeck steps to ascend into the Church, Portland Pedestals and Walls to D^o., with burying Vaults under the whole Church; the Steeple to be brick, with stone ornaments and Portico, with Stone Columns and Pediments over them, The Spire all of Stone, finished in the Ionick Order, with an Octagon Spire on a Circular Entablature, supported by Eight Columns on a Plinth on four round windows. The Church and Steple are estimated at the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds by,

Gentlemen,

Your humble Servant,

ANTHONY CHILD.

The Church, £5,600.

The Steeple, 2,400.

Nov. 20th, 1756.

Mr. Reynolds reported that the Committee appointed to take into consideration the Report of the Surveyors about Repairing and enlarging the Parish Church had met for that purpose and considered thereof, and that the Question being put For Building new Church & Steeple entirely it passed in the negative, and the Question being put For building a new Body of a Church to the present Steeple is also passed in the negative, and that the Question was put and carried That the Church be repaired upon the old Foundation, and made to contain as many of the Inhabitants as it possibly can.

Nov. 27th, 1756.

Mr. Arundall, the Churchwarden, acquainted the Vestry that he had informed himself of the several matters referred to him at the last Vestry, and that the Landlords cannot be charged to the repairing the Church without an Act of Parliament, that the Churchwardens are not limited to any Sum as the utmost they can either raise or expend for repairing the Church, and that they may do any Repairs to the Church without an Act of Parliament, provided the Parish can agree as to raising the money for that purpose; But the Churchwardens can raise no money otherwise than by a Church Rate.

That in repairing the (query Church?) they can neither remove nor alter the situation of any of the immovable Goods of the Church, such as the Pulpit, Pews, Font, &c., without the Licence of the Bishop. And that there hath never been an Act passed for repairing a Church.

Agreed that the Churchwardens be and they are hereby desired to call a Parish Meeting on Saturday, the 11th day of December next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and that notice thereof be given in the Church on each intervening Sunday, and that they do make the following Report to the said Parish Meeting:

(Viz^t.) That they having informed the Vestry that the Church was very much decayed, and required some considerable reparations to be done thereto, and was likewise by far too small to contain the Inhabitants, they had taken the same into coñs, and had had the said Church surveyed by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Price, and Mr. Child (the surveyors appointed for that purpose), and that the said Surveyors had laid the following estimates before the Vestry (viz^t.), 1st, of repairing the present Church as it now stands; 2^d, of Rebuilding & enlarging the Body of the Church, exclusive of the Steeple; 3rd, of rebuilding the whole compleat, which estimates are as follows, to wit:

Mr. Taylor & Mr. Price estimates :

To repairing the old Body of the Parish Church, exclusive of the Steeple, which will then hold 800 people, being 100 more than at present	-	-	-	940	0	0
To taking down the old body of the Church, & rebuilding & enlarging it to contain 1010 People	-	-	-	5,000	0	0
To rebuilding the body of the Church upon the old foundation	-	-	-	3,300	0	0

Mr. Child's Estimates :

1st. To repairing the old body of the Church to contain 1,000 people	-	-	1,161	0	0
2nd. As by a Model laid before the Vestry, to contain, exclusive of the Isles, 1,100 People; the Isles to contain 800 more	-	-	1,593	0	0
3rd. To build a new Church & Steeple entirely, to seat in the Pews 1,200 People	-	-	8,000	0	0
The Church	-	£5,600	0	0	
The Steeple	-	2,400	0	0	
		<hr/>	£8,000	0	0

And that the said several Estimates being taken into consideration, it was the opinion of the Vestry That the Church be repaired upon the old Foundation, and made to contain as many of the Inhabitants as it possibly can.

RICH^d. DANN, Clerk.

12 April, 1757.

Robert Purnell appointed one of the Overseers of the Poor. Thomas Davison was in the list submitted to the Justices, and was chosen in 1758, but then paid £25, the usual fine for all the offices.

16 April, 1759.

Resolved That the Churchwarden be and he is hereby desired to call a Vestry once in two months at least, or ofner if there should be occasion.

Resolved that no corps be buried in the Church unless where Persons have a Faculty for that purpose, and that the Faculty be produced before such Corps be permitted to be interred.

Resolved that the Iron Rails be taken down from the Tomb at the South end of the Church, and a Pew erected there for servants. (Query, was this Sedgwick's or Keke-wich's tomb?)

An application made to the Court of King's Bench to cause Mary, the wife of Samuel Tull, to be secured within the walls of the prison, she having been permitted to go out of the Prison and live in the Rules. (This person had been prosecuted by the Parish at great expense, £40 13s. 6d., for causing a child to be placed in a spot where it became a charge on the Parish.)

2 June, 1759.

That in the disposing of the remaining Pews and Seats in the Church the several Inhabitants be seated according to what they pay to the Church Rate and Poor Rate, and if two persons desire the same Pew or seat, and shall pay equally to the said Rates, that then such seat be disposed of to the oldest Inhabitants.

(The Repairs of the Church appear to have necessitated a good deal of re-arrangement in seating the Inhabitants in the Pews, and those gentlemen who now pay £25 fine for the offices have each a single Pew or half a double one apportioned to his own use so long as he shall be a House-keeper in the Parish.)

Resolved that the Sextoness do find a Person for each

Isle to open the Pews to let the Inhabitants into their Seats before Service, and to open them to let the Inhabitants out as soon as the Service is over.

14 July, 1759.

The Reverend Mr. Cornthwaite declared five vacancies in the Vestry of this Parish by the Death of Mr. Sikes & the removal of Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Caslon, Mr. Branson, and Mr. Newton. Among other seats allotted, Mr. Davison, Mrs. Shaw, and Mr. Hare to be seated in No. 15, South Side South Isle.

4 August, 1759.

Resolved That it is the opinion of this Vestry that no vault be permitted to be made in the Church, Church yard, or the ground lately purchased to be added thereto, without first having the Consent of the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being, and four of the undermentioned gentlemen, who are appointed a Committee for that purpose (to viz^t.), Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Cole, Mr. Barnston, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Chambers, &c., &c.

Resolved that in consideration of the above Resolution, and the Detrement the Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite may receive by not granting Vaults for burying in the Church and Church yard, that he be and he is hereby desired to lay an account before the next Vestry of the fees which have arose to the Vicars of this Parish by granting Vaults as aforesaid for these ten years last past, that the Parish may make him an adequate satisfaction.

18 August, 1759.

The Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite laid before the Vestry an account of the profits which have arose to the Vicars of this parish by granting Vaults for burying in the Church and Churchyard for ten years last past.

8 Sep., 1759.

Agreed that a Committee be and the same is hereby appointed to inquire into the Custom of the several Parishes within the Bills of Mortality concerning the paying for the ground for burying in their respective Church Yard, both with regard to Parishioners and Stranger, and that the Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite, the Churchwardens, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Fremeaux be the said Committee.

29 Sept., 1759.

Resolved That no Stranger be for the future permitted to be buried in the Churchyard without paying for the ground as well as for the Bell.

Resolved that Ten Shillings be paid for the ground in the Church yard for burying every person who shall not have a legal settlement in the Parish, exclusive of the Fees paid for the Bell. Resolved That Double Fees be paid for the Burial of every person who shall not be legally settled in this Parish.

8 Decr., 1759.

Resolved that Henry Norris, Esq., be and he is hereby desired to pay to the Churchwarden out of the unappropriated money belonging to this Parish the sum of One hundred and Twenty pounds towards the extraordinary expences the Parish were at the last year in repairing the Church, purchasing Land to enlarge the Church yard, the Surveyors Bills, &c.

This Vestry, on reconsidering the Resolution of the last Vestry concerning the payment of Ten shillings for the Burials of all persons who shall not have a legal settlement in this Parish,

Resolved that it be and it is hereby referred to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being at their Discretion to remit the Payment of the said sum of Ten shillings for the Burial of such Persons as shall dye in this Parish and

whose Representatives shall not appear to be in Circumstances to pay the same.

15 Dec^r, 1759.

(A.) Dr. Nichols informs the Vicar that the Bishop has doubts whether the new piece of land is properly secured to the Church ; that a case had better be laid before Councill, and whose Opinion might be the means of satisfying the Bishop, and remove his Doubts as to consecrating it.

8 April, 1760.

Mr. Robinson reported to the Vestry from the Committee appointed at the last Vestry to view the house of Mr. Ralph Battle, and gave their opinion thereon, that the said Committee had taken a view of the said House, and examined into the Repairs necessary to be done thereto, and were of opinion that it would not be to the advantage of the Parish to enlarge the Term of the Lease at the present Rent, by reason of the great Improvement of Rents in this Parish since the said Lease was granted, but that in consideration of the Repairs done by Mr. Clear, and the Alterations and Reparations intended to be done by Mr. Battle, it was the opinion of the said Committee that at the Expiration of the present Terme Mr. Battle should have the refusal at such Rent as should then be offered for it before it should be let to any other Person.

Report ordered to be entered in the Vestry Book. (This would appear to refer to the Parish House.* See 17 April, 1750.)

19 April, 1760.

Resolved That Ten pounds be granted for the year ensewing to the Rev. Mr. Cornthwaite on his appointing a Curate or assistant to the satisfaction of the Vestry, to commence from Easter Tuesday last, and that the said sum of

* *I.e.* Not the Urswick House in front of the west end of the church, but a house bought with charity money and belonging to the Parish.

Ten pounds be paid by the Churchwarden out of the Church Rate.

Resolved that the Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite be paid the sum of Ten pounds as a Gratuity for any Loss he may have sustained for one year from the 16th day of April, 1759, by means of a Resolution of Vestry then made to prevent the burying in the Church, and that the same be also paid out of the Church Rate.

3 May, 1760.

A Pew given to Mr. Peter Newcome on his giving up the pew he now sits in.

29 Sep., 1760.

The Reverend Mr. Cornthwaite acquainted the Vestry that he being at the last Vestry desired to make enquiry whether he might bury in the piece of Ground purchased for enlarging the Churchyard without consecration, he had informed himself concerning the same, and he apprehended he could not do it without subjecting himself to a Prosecution thereby, and therefore desired to be excused the doing it.

Resolved That a Case be stated relating to the objection of the Bishop of London to the consecrating the said piece of ground, and the opinion of a Civilian taken thereon, and also what Censure or Damage may be incurred by the Person officiating at such Burials.

March, 1761.

(A.) Mr. Cornthwaite allowed £10 towards the salary of a Curate out of the Church Rate, and £10 as a gratuity for loss sustained by the Resolution to prevent Burials in the Church.

3 Oct., 1761.

Agreed that Mrs. Stammers be seated in No. 14, South side of the North aisle.

30 Jan., 1762.

The Church well. The Churchwarden is desired to have the same put into good Repair, and a Bank of Earth thrown up against it to prevent filth and soyl from soaking through into it.

13 April, 1762.

(A.) Mr. Cornthwaite again allowed £10 on account of there being no burials in the Church, and £10 as a Reader's salary, both out of the Church Rate.

24 July, 1762.

Present, the Rev. Mr. Pennington, Curate; Mr. Blackwell, Churchwarden, &c.

The Chairman declared a Vacancy in the place of Treasurer of the unappropriated money of this Parish by the death of Henry Norris, Esq.

William Reynolds chosen Treasurer.

Ordered that new Stools be provided round the Communion Table, and that they be made higher than those at present there.

Ordered that the Christning Pew be enlarged by laying the two adjoining Pews on the South side into it.

Resolved that Peter Gausen, Esq., have the pew late Mr. Deboyville's, No. 1, South side of the South Isle, &c.

7 August, 1762.

Agreed That William Reynolds, Henry Sawbridge, Peter Gausen, and John Woven, Esq^{res.}, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees to receive an assignment of Two hundred pounds Orphan's Stock in the Chamber of London standing in the name of the late Henry Norris, Esq., from his Representative in Trust for the Poor of this parish, being the gift of the late Bishop Wood to this Parish.

Resolved That in all past & future Grants of Pews that

they be understood to extend no further than to the person to whom granted and their widows during their being House-keepers in this parish.

Mr. John Loyd to have 2 seats in No. 15, South side the North Aisle.

25 September, 1762.

William Reynolds acquainted the Vestry that the late Henry Norris, Esq., in pursuance of a Resolution of Vestry in the year 1757 had appointed a patrol watch over the fields from Hackney to London during the Winter season, which had been continued from that time until his death, and that he, the said William Reynolds, Esq. (the new Treasurer), therefore desired the opinion of the Vestry whether they were willing to have the same continued or not.

Resolved that the said Patrole Watch be continued for this year only.

1 Nov^r., 1762.

The Vestry Clerk acquainted the Vestry that Henry Norris, Esq., Sole Executor of Henry Norris, Esq^r., deceased, surviving Trustee for the Poor of this Parish of Two hundred pounds Orphan's Stock in the Chamber of London, being the gift of the late Bishop Wood to this Parish, had assigned the same to William Reynolds, John Woven, Peter Gausson, and Henry Sawbridge, Esq^{re}., the Trustees chosen for that purpose at a Vestry held for that purpose the seventh day of August last, to wit, One hundred pounds, part thereof, in Trust for the poor of this Parish as aforesaid, but that there was no trust declared for the other One hundred pounds, that having been paid off and re-purchased by the said late Henry Norris, Esq^{re}., deceased, and the Court of Aldermen had directed that there should be no notice taken of any Trusts in the Assignment of the said Stock, and that the said Henry Norris,

Esq^{re}., sole Executor of the said late Henry Norris, Esq^r., deceased, had also paid the sum of four pounds to the said Vestry Clerk, being the half year's dividend due on the said Stock to the fifth day of July last, and that he, the Vestry Clerk, had paid the said sum of four pounds to Mr. Blackwell, the Churchwarden.

Resolved that John Dekewer, Alexander Sheafe, Esq^{re}., and the Rev^d. Mr. Thomas Cornthwaite be and they are hereby appointed Trustees to receive an Assignment of Fifty pounds Orphans' Stock standing in the name of the s^d late Henry Norris, Esq^{re}., dec^d., from his representative, for the use of the Charity of the late Dr. Spurstowe in this Parish. (So assigned accordingly.)

The Churchwarden acquainted the Vestry that he had received the following Letter from the Rev^d. Dr. Simpson, who had desired the same might be laid before a Vestry, to wit :

GENTLEMEN,—Old age and many Infirmities have rendered me incapable of supplying my Turn of preaching at Hackney in person, I think myself, therefore, obliged to resign my share of the Lectures.

I was very desirous of taking leave of you from the Pulpit, but I find myself unable to do it, for I have so painful a Disorder, and it hath increased upon me so much of late, that I cannot bear the motion of a Chaise or any other the like conveyance.

The necessity of the case will, I hope, plead my excuse, and you will take in good part my resignation of the Lecture by this Letter.

Give me leave to take this opportunity of expressing my most grateful acknowledgments to you for your kind acceptance of my Labours amongst you during a Course of Thirty Eight years, and for your liberal Contributions to my Brethren and me.

May it please God to pour upon you all the choicest of his Blessings, and incline you to choose a person to succeed

me more worthy of your favours, and who will effectually promote your eternal Salvation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient & obliged
humble Servant,

October 25th, 1762.

W^m. SIMPSON.

To the Gentlemen of the Vestry
of Saint John at Hackney.

Resolved That the Thanks of this Vestry be and the same is hereby given to the Churchwarden for calling this Vestry and laying the said letter before them.

7 March, 1763.

The Rev^d. Mr. Thomas Cornthwaite and Alexander Sheafe, Esq^r., being the only Surviving Trustees of Dr. Spurstowe's Charity, and Mr. Sheafe having some time since declined acting in that Trust,

Agreed that the said Mr. Thomas Cornthwaite and the said Mr. Sheafe be and they are hereby desired to surrender the Cottages and Land belonging to that Charity into the hands of the Lord of the Mannor, of which they are held to the use of the said Mr. Cornthwaite, William Reynolds, Heneage Robinson, John Woven, Henry Baker, and John Berney, Esq^r., who are hereby appointed to be admitted Trustees to the same to the uses of the Charity, in the same manner as the said Mr. Cornthwaite and the rest of the Trustees were admitted thereto in the year 1753.

5 April, 1763.

{A.) Mr. Cornthwaite to have £10 as usual, compensation for no burials in the Church, and £10 towards a Reader's salary.

Agreed That the Churchwarden be and he is hereby desired to pay the walking Watch their Bill, the same to be repaid him by the Treasurer of the unappropriated money.

17 Oct., 1763.

Agreed that Mrs. Elizabeth Sikes have the Pew No. 2 on the South side of the middle Isle. . . .

The Vestry Clerk acquainted the Vestry that Catharine Jones, one of the persons in Dr. Spurstowe's Almshouses, being disordered in her senses, had been some time agoe sent to the Workhouse, where she was still maintained, and that one Elizabeth Fenner, another of the persons in the said Almshouses, being ill, was about a fortnight agoe sent into the Workhouse, and that there was not any probability that either of the said Persons would ever be fit to come into their respective Houses again. (Three persons were chosen accordingly, and returned to the Heir, & two appointed.)

Resolved that the Vacancies in the said Almshouses occasioned thereby be filled up on this day fortnight, and that a Vestry be then held for that purpose.

The Churchwarden acquainted the Parishioners that the piece of ground purchased to enlarge the Church yard had been consecrated by the Bishop of London on Thursday, the sixth day of October instant.

Mr. Skelton's Bill for the consecration and other fees and charges, amounting to the sum of Thirty pounds five shillings and sixpence, was laid before the Vestry.

Resolved—That the Churchwarden be and he is hereby desired to pay the same and such other expenses as may be occasioned by the said Consecration out of the Church Rate.

24 April, 1764.

(A.) The two amounts of £10 each voted as usual to Mr. Cornthwaite.

William Reynolds, Esq^r., acquainted the Vestry that the Inhabitants of this parish, at a Parish Meeting assembled, had lately come to a Resolution to make an Application to Parliament for an act to watch and light the Parish, and for

the better management of the poor therein, and that the Bill was preparing for that purpose, and desired to know if the Vestry were willing he should advance what moneys may be necessary out of the unappropriated money belonging to this Parish, which the Vestry approved of and ordered accordingly.

31 Oct., 1763.

Agreed that a Committee be and the same is hereby appointed to make enquiry and view Sr. Henry Rowe's Chappell, and make a Report whether the same may and can be altered and made use of for enlarging the Church, and that the Gentlemen present be the said Committee, and any three of them a Quorum.

Complaint having been made against Edward Henry Purcell, the present Organist,

Resolved That the Vestry Clerk do write to the said Edward Henry Purcell and acquaint him that the Vestry insists on his being regular in his attendance, and that he do give in the name of his Deputy to the Churchwarden, and also give notice from time to time to the Churchwarden for the time being when he shall change him, and who he shall appoint in his stead. (In the margin, "Wrote to him, & he promised to send the name of his Deputy. R.D.")

Resolved That the choice of an Organist be deferred unetill the next Vestry, and that Edward Henry Purcell, the present Organist, do officiate untill that time.

30 April, 1764.

Resolved That if any Inhabitant of this parish shall fine for the offices of Churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, and Surveyor of the Highways of this Parish, and shall afterwards serve any of the said offices for which he shall have so fined, that the fine be returned him which he shall have

so paid to be excused the office he shall afterwards have served.

The Committee have also made enquiry into the original appointment of the office of Searcher, And find the same to be by an Act of King James the first, and from thence continued to the present time, and that no particular Qualification is required.

6 Oct., 1764.

Agreed that Mr. John Wothers be and he is hereby chosen a Vestryman of this Parish in the stead of John Dekewer, Esq., deceased.

Mr. Abraham Ogier chosen a Vestryman.

A new Gallery seems to have been erected on the North side of the Church about this time.

At this Vestry it was moved, seconded, and carried, That as the Patrole Watch from Hackney to London, which was paid out of the unappropriated money of this Parish, is discontinued, that the Evening Watch in Clapton Field, Church Field, the Church yard, and at the end of Bannister Lane might be paid out of that Fund, and that the Watchman at each of those places be allowed six shillings p week to patrole from sun set untill Twelve at night, And that the Treasurer of the Unappropriated money be and he is desired to pay the same. A Great Coat to be provided for each of the Evening Watchmen.

25 Nov., 1765.

That the Sextoness be allowed to charge in her Bills Two shillings for the first Digging of a Grave in the new Ground.

Agreed That the Churchwardens for the time being be and they are hereby empowered and desired, on Complaint against any of the Watchmen under this Vestry, to suspend any of the said Watchmen, and appoint another Person to patrole in his stead untill the next Vestry.

2^d March, 1765.

Lawrence Cole, Esq^r., informed the Vestry that S^r John Chapman acquainted him that the Churchwardens of this Parish had withdrawn from the People in his Almshouses in Clopton the Parish Gifts of Bread and Coals which had been usually given them, and he further said he understood S^r John that if the Parish would continue these Gifts to the People in those Almshouses, one half in number of the said Almshouses should be from time to time given unto Parishioners of this Parish, and it was thereupon Resolved That this Vestry doth agree thereto, and to prevent improper Persons being admitted on the footing of Parishioners of this Parish this Vestry will (if he approve of the same) on any Vacancy to be filled up by a Parishioner take the liberty to return to him Two Persons for his choice of one of them for that Purpose.

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Mr. Withers acquainted the Vestry that John Read, one of the Beadles of this Parish, had taken upon himself to recommend particular Persons to S^r John Chapman for his Almshouses in Clopton, and to censure and asperse the characters of other persons who were applying for them as improper objects.

Resolved that the same be taken into consideration at the next Vestry.

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Mr. Cole acquainted the Vestry that he had seen Sir John Chapman, and that S^r John said he would consent to keep always five people, Parishioners of Hackney Parish, in his Almshouses, but on any Vacancy it shall be at his Option whom of the people of Hackney to put in without any recommendation from the Vestry, provided the three non-Parishioners now in those Houses be allowed the usual

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a dark brown coat, and boots, dogged the coach of Mr. Toulmin from old Gravel lane, which place he left about seven o'clock on Friday night (first asking the Coachman as to whether he had Gentlemen or ladies in his Coach) to the place where the Coach was Stopt, and then gave a signal to Delaney and another, who started out of the hollow way and robbed Mr. Toulmin, the lad himself disappearing. Two Guineas reward is hereby offered by Sir John Fielding to any person who can by the description here given, or otherwise, apprehend the said lad and bring him before him.

“Yesterday John Collins, one of Delaney’s gang, was committed to the New Prison, Clerkenwell, charged with stopping a Coach on Saturday night in the Mile End Road with intent to rob; and firing at one of the passengers, a young man, who resolutely refused to deliver his money, jumped out of the Coach and endeavoured to apprehend him, which, with the assistance of the Coachman, he afterwards effected. Collins also confessed being present with Delaney in the robbery of Mr. Toulmin on Friday night. A third person, a seafaring man, was likewise yesterday committed to the same prison on suspicion of being one of their confederates.”

[Sir John Fielding, a notable police Magistrate, died in 1780. He was probably the son of the celebrated novelist Henry Fielding, who was an active Justice of the peace, and famous for breaking up gangs of robbers. He died in 1754.]

8 April, 1765.

The usual allowances made to Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite.

Mr. Anthony Andree paid the usual fine to be excused serving the offices. (He probably lived at Clapton Pond, where Major André was born, who was shot as a spy by the Americans.)

Complaint being made at the Vestry that the old Church yard lies extremely rough and uneven, and the Bodies lye very shallow in the ground.

Ordered that the said Church yard be levelled, and that no Bodies whatsoever be permitted to be interred therein, except only when there are Headstones and Footstones.

8 April, 1765.

The following letter from Sir John Chapman, directed to the Vestry of this Parish, was laid before the Vestry and read, to wit :

London, March 18, 1765.

GENTLEMEN,

In answer to a letter relating to my Almshouses in your Parish, I do hereby consent to keep always five people of Hackney Parish in the said Almshouses, provided the strangers now in the said almshouses are allowed the usual Quantity of Coals for last Christmas, and they and the other Strangers that shall be from time to time in the said Almshouses shall in future have the same quantity of Coals and bread given them by the Parish as the other Persons in the Almshouse who are Parishioners, but it shall always be in my option which of the people of Hackney to put in, and I can by no means consent to the Vestry returning two of the Parishioners to me upon a Vacancy to put in one, as that transferring the Nomination to the Vestry would take the appointment out of my hands and put it into theirs ; at the same time I shall always take care to put in no Inhabitant but such as are well recommended by the Vicar and Churchwarden, or some of the principal Inhabitants. I hope this will be satisfactory to the Gentlemen of the Vestry, and prevent any further difficulties between us. I shall be glad

the majority of them (at a Meeting to be had for that purpose so soon after my Death as conveniently may be) appointed and distributed equally to and amongst Twenty poor Housekeepers then belonging to and residing in the same Parish, either men or women, being the most industrious, sober, honest, and deserving Objects of Charity and compassion. And I will that no such Housekeeper be paid or denied this Charity on account of any Religious or Political Opinions.

The Exors. also laid the following Clause before the Vestry :

(A.) Also I give and devise to Henry Baker, of Hackney, Esq., and John Baker, of Christ Church (Middx.), weaver, my freehold Closes or parcels of Land called the Ten Acres and the Ileberrys or Isberrys, containing altogether twenty acres, Upon Trust, to be sold, and the proceeds invested in real or other good security at Interest, &c., Upon Trust to pay and distribute all the Yearly Interest and Income of the monies arising by such sale as aforesaid to and amongst so many poor Housekeepers in the said Parish of Hackney as such yearly interest and Income will extend to relieve with Forty shillings each per annum for Ever. And I will that the same poor Housekeepers be the most industrious, sober, honest, and deserving objects of Charity and compassion, & that no such Housekeeper be paid or refused this Charity on account of any Religious or Political Opinions. And that they be nominated by the majority of the Vestrymen for the Time being.

(This Charity is now distributed by the Open Vestry and the select Vestries of the West and Southern Districts.— Note to Robinson's History.)

2 Sept., 1765.

Resolved That on the day of election of an Organist in the stead of Mr. Purcell, dec^d., each candidate do play a voluntary of Ten minutes and a Psalm of five minutes before the Election.

21 Sept., 1765.

Henry Baker and John Baker attended and paid the sum of Two hundred pounds for twenty poor Housekeepers agreeably to the said will of the said Mr. Marlowe.

Resolved That the choice of proper persons to whom to pay the same be by scratching, and that the twenty who have the greatest number of scratches have the said Legacy, and that if there shall be an equal number of scratches for particular persons which may make the number more than Twenty, that then such persons who have the lowest equal number of scratches be scratched for over again, to reduce them to the number of Twenty only.

5 Oct., 1765.

Election of Organist.

The Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite acquainted the Vestry that in case of an equal number of scratches for any particular candidates, that he desired, on this occasion of choosing an Organist, to be excused from giving his casting vote, which the Vestry agreed unto.

(They agreed it should be decided by ballot in the case of an equal number of scratches.)

Mr. L'Herreux was elected. (Qy., should this name be spelt L'Heureux?)

Resolved That in future no person elected into any office under this Vestry make any allowance to the Representative of the Person who was last in the Office.

1 April, 1766.

The Rev. Mr. Cornthwaite allowed the usual sum of £10 each towards a Reader and as compensation for Burials in the Church.

(The Exors. of Jer^h. Marlowe having inquired whether the Parish had not better retain the lands instead of selling them,)

Resolved that the Opinions of Mr. Wilbraham and Mr. Booth be taken if the said Lands can be retained by the Parish, subject to the Trust in the will, and if it can (*sic*), what is the most proper Method of doing it.

The Vestry being informed that the late Mrs. Gambier, who had rēc^d a Legacy of Ten pounds of the late Mr. Marlowe to poor Housekeepers of this Parish was dead, and that it appeared after her decease that she was not in Point of Circumstances a proper person to receive the said Charity, and that the Executors had offered and were willing to return the same, to be applyed according to the directions of the said will,

Resolved that the said sum of Ten pounds be received of the said Ex^{ors}, to be applyed accordingly. (It was accordingly returned to the Vestry and distributed to 6 poor persons.)

4 Oct., 1766.

Mr. Thomas Davison was chosen a Vestryman with three others.

11 Oct., 1766.

Resolved that one of the Beadles of this parish do reside in Clopton, and the other Beadle do reside in Mare Street.

22 April, 1767.

The usual allowances to the Rev. Mr. Cornthwaite were agreed to.

Resolved that Two strong Prison Padlocks be provided for the Outside door of the Cage, such as cannot easily be either picked or broke, and that the key of the best of them be kept by Mr. Jackson, and not delivered by him to any person but the Peace Officer or one of the Beadles, to put a prisoner into it, and that the Partition therein be lined with old Ship planking.

4 July, 1767.

At this Vestry the Act of Parliament of the last Sessions for the better Regulation of the Parish Poor Children was read.

Resolved Guardians of the Poor Children of this Parish be chosen in pursuance of the said Act. That two of the said Guardians be chosen out of the Vestry, And the other three of them out of the Trustees for managing the Poor of this Parish. That the Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite and Mr. Withers of the Vestry, and Mr. Rosewell, Mr. Adey, and Mr. Davison of the said Trustees, be and they are hereby chosen and appointed Guardians for the purposes aforesaid. The Vestry Clerk acquainted the Vestry that he had been to the Foundling Hospital (to) know on what terms and Conditions the Governours of the said Hospital received such Parish Poor Children as might be sent to them to be maintained in pursuance of the said Act, which Terms and Conditions were as follows, to wit: Twenty shillings each child entrance money, and 12s. 6d. p month, Calendar Month, and one Month to be paid in advance, the Hospital to be at all expenses of Cloath, Physick, Maintenance, &c. ; and if at any time in future any Child should be Claimed by the Parent, and desired by the Parish to be taken from the Hospital, the Parish to be at the Expence of bringing such Child from whatsoever part of the Kingdom it may have been sent to nurse without any charge to the Hospital.

Resolved that the Children in the Workhouse of this Parish under six years of Age be sent to the Foundling Hospital.

11 July, 1767.

The clerk to the Vestry acquainted the Vestry that he had received a letter from Mr. Marden, Clerk to Sir John Fielding, desiring him to inform the Vestry that four persons, named Jeremiah Ryan, Francis Gorman, Lawrence Sweat-

man, and Samuel Collins, had been apprehended and charged with robbing Mr. Wheatly and Mr. Ruty, in the Newington Stage Coach, at Kingsland, in the parish of Hackney, and that Ryan was admitted an Evidence against the rest, and Collins and Sweatman were convicted of the said Robbery, and Gorman, being charged with Robbery and Murder, was convicted thereof, and therefore not tryed on the Indictment for the said Robbery of Mr. Wheatly and Mr. Ruty, and that Mr. Marden, apprehending the Persons concerned in taking the said Offenders were intituled to the following Rewards, to wit, For Collins and Sweatman £10 each, and for Gorman and Ryan, who were only comended (?), £5 each, agreeable to the Rewards advertised by this Parish.

Resolved That the Treasurer of the unappropriated Money of this Parish do pay the Reward of £10 each for Collins and Sweatman, and if it shall appear that Gorman and Ryan were committed for a Robbery in this parish, the Reward of £5 for each of them.

Mr. Andree appears to have given up his Pew.

A Pew granted to Mr. Thomas Davison.

5 April, 1768.

Mr. Thomas Sikes paid £25 fine for the offices.

That a Committee be and the same is hereby appointed to wait on Lord Hilsborough and inform him of the ruinous condition of Sir Henry Rowe's Chappell, and desire his Lordship would give Orders to have it repaired, And that the Vicar, Mr. Withers, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Nicholas be the said Committee.

(A.) Agreed that a Committee view the Church to see what repairs are necessary, and get an Estimate and report to the Vestry. Mr. Cornthwaite to have the usual allowances.

23 May, 1768.

Mrs. Judith Delamere paid £25 to the use of the Vestry to have a pew during her being a housekeer in this Parish. Mr. Dekewer's pew vacant. Sir Richard Temple, Bart., paid the usual fine of £25 to be excused serving the three offices with two other Gentlemen, who also paid it.

Resolved that Mr. Henry Newcome be waited on by the Vestry Clerk to know if he will pay his fine to be excused Offices of this parish.

Resolved That in future all Elections by the Vestry be by Ballot.

(Afterwards construed to be understood to be limited to such cases where there was an Opposition, or a Ballot demanded.)

(N.B.—There seems to have been an election the same day by scratches for Dr. Spurstowe's Almshouses. However, it appears afterwards that the Resolution was referred to another Meeting for consideration, and confirmed 17 July.)

28 March, 1769.

Resolved that the sum of £200 Orphan Stock purchased with the Gift of Bishop Wood, and which is ordered to be paid off, be laid out in the names of Mr. Albert, Mr. Gausen, The Rev. Mr. Cornthwaite, and Mr. Sawbridge in Old South Sea Annuities.

The usual allowances to Mr. Cornthwaite.

Mr. Doghead (!) seated in a Pew. Sir Richard Temple, Bart., to have a pew, 17 July. Mr. Sikes to have pew No. 1, South side North Isle.

An application was made from Mr. Dekewer to the Vestry for the pew late Justice Dekewer's, which he apprehended, under the order of Vestry, he had a right to as his Nephew.

Resolved That the Clerk do wait on him and acquaint him with the late Resolution of the Vestry, explaining how far all those Grants of pews are intended to extend, and

which order was made at a Vestry at which his late Uncle was present.

Mr. Robert Purnell chosen a Vestryman. Mr. Louis Ogier chosen a Vestryman in the room of Anthony Andree, Esq., Deceased.

5 March, 1770.

(A). Henry Baker and John Baker, Esq., Exors. of the late Jeremiah Marlowe, Esq., attended, and stated that they had settled everything with the Heir, and had sold the land, and in consideration of a sum of money given her by the said Ex^{ors}. she had joined in a conveyance to make a good Title to the Purchaser, and that the Money arising by the sale, being One Thousand Three hundred & Sixty pounds, had been laid out in the purchase of One Thousand Six hundred pounds Old South Sea Annuities, and that the Account between them as Executors as aforesaid & this Parish was as follows: (Summary.)

2 years and 2 quarters' Rent	-	-	156	15	0
From Sir Richard Glynn, Baronet, for the absolute purchase of the Lands in the Parish of Hackney, sold by publick auction for	-	-	1,360	0	0
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			£1,516	15	0
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Commission, &c. on sale	-	-	20	0	10
Rob ^t . Plimpton for £600 old South Sea Annuities at 84 & $\frac{1}{8}$ p Cent. Bro.	-	-	505	10	0
£1,000 more at $82\frac{3}{4}$	-	-	827	10	0
		Bro.	1	5	0
Memorial and confirmation of Mr. Marlowe's Will	-	-	5	6	4
Bill since	-	-	29	8	2
Balance due Trustees of the Parish	-	-	127	14	8
			<hr/>		
			£1,516	15	0

And the Exors. desired the Vestry would nominate Trustees.

Exors. thanked, and requested to buy as much more Stock as would make the Annual Income £50.

19 March, 1770.

(A.) Resolved that a Trust Deed be prepared declaring the uses of the Charity.

Mr. Cornthwaite, Henry Baker (one of the Ex^{ors.}), Rich^{d.} Chiswell, and George Adey requested and appointed to be Trustees.

That £50 out of the balance be distributed to 25 poor Housekeepers.

Mr. Hoskins to be seated in 9, South side Middle Isle.
Mr. Tyssen Hammerton in 12, South side South Isle, &c.

19 March, 1770.

Resolved that the method of electing Persons to receive Mr. Marlowe's Charity be by a List of each Vestryman of not more than twenty-five persons, and that the twenty-five persons who have the majority in such lists be the persons to receive the same.

17 April, 1770.

Mr. Davison declined to be any longer one of the Guardians of the poor Children of this Parish.

The usual allowances voted to Rev^{d.} Mr. Cornthwaite.
David L'Herreux still Organist.

Mr. Holloway to be seated in a pew.

That Ralph Ellis, one of the Beadles, in consideration of his removing from Church Street to Clopton, in pursuance of an Order of Vestry, and for his Diligence in his Business, be allowed a Gratuity of Ten pounds.

Mrs. Boddick paid £25 for the use of the Vestry, which appears to be a payment for the pew which she sits in.

17. Decr., 1770.

The Rev. Mr. Robert Lewis attended on the Vestry and returned the Vestry thanks for the favours his family had received from the Parish, and acquainted the Vestry that he had not himself any thoughts of Continuing the School longer than Lady Day next, unless the Vestry should desire it, And the Chairman, at the desire of the Vestry, acquainted Mr. Lewis that the Vestry would, to accommodate both him and the Parish, provide another Schoolmaster to succeed his late Father in the School as soon as convenient, and hope to do it by that time.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Vestry that the Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite should be indemnified from the loss he hath sustained for five years last past in taking the Chapel at Hommerton into his own hands for publick Worship for the Accommodation of the Parishioners, and that it be recommended to the next Parish Meeting to take the same into their consideration.

Ordered that the Vestry Clerk give notice to the Beadles not to suffer any Bonfires to be made in any of the publick Street in this parish, nor any wood to be collected together for the purpose of making any Bonfires.

Mr. Burnell to have 3 seats in No. 1, South Galary. Mr. Robertson School in 19 & 20, South side Middle Isle.

Mr. Henry Newcome paid £25 to be excused from serving the Offices, and had the pew he now sits in assigned to him as long as he remains a housekeeper in this Parish.

Mr. Thomas Sikes chosen a Vestryman ; also S^r. Richard Temple, Bart.

Recommended that the Trustees make their Contracts for Coals for the Poor and the Workhouse in the Summer Season.

Gracious Stride receives one of Marlowe's 40s. Gifts.

25 March, 1771.

The Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite acquainted the Vestry that he had made inquiry concerning either a Lease or Purchase

of the late Mr. Ramm's Chappell, and that as the present Mr. Ballard was a minor a Lease for a long term could not be granted, nor could it be sold untill he was of age, which would be about two years.

Resolved That it be recommended to the next Parish Meeting to take into Consideration the State of the said Chappell, and settle the same in such manner that the Vicar may be enabled to let the Seats at half-a-guinea each, and the Churchwarden is desired to call a Parish Meeting for Easter Tuesday next, at nine in the forenoon,

Resolved that the thanks of this Vestry be given to the Rev^d. Mr. Lewis for his trouble in taking care of the Children in his late Father's School under Mrs. Audley's Will since his Death.

Resolved that untill another Schoolmaster is choose that the said Children be put under the care of Mr. Fowler.

Agreed That the Rev^d. Mr. Cornthwaite be allowed the sum of Ten pounds towards a Reader for one year—and the Further sum of Ten pounds for one year in Lieu of Burials in the Church. Both sums to be paid out of the Church Rate. (David L'Herreux still Organist, and Richard Dann Vestry Clerk.)



List of Churchwardens to 1771.

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Anno Domini 1583.

IN election of the Churchwarden this 29 day of March, 1583, was chosen by the Vestery for the same John Kay, Esquire.

(There seems a space left unfilled, perhaps for another Churchwarden.)

1585, probably Audley and Boyde.

1590, John Nicoleson, Churchwarden.

1591 (?), John Tomson, D^o.

1593 to 1596 inclusive, Surveyors for the Highways were chosen by the Churchwardens and Constables of the parish of Hackney, and others of the inhabitants there, but the names of the Churchwardens are not given, except indirectly. It appears likely that in 1593

John ffinch, }
John Chaundler } were Wardens.

And William Butler } either in 1592 or 1593,
and John Chaundler, } probably 1592.

Christ^r. Vallentine, } were Wardens in Dec.,
John Fletcher } 1595.

John Fletcher, }
Hugh White, } 1596.

Hugh White, }
 Richard ffrauncis, } 1598.
 John Sweet, }
 Xpoer Elliott, } 1600.
 Francis Makyn, }
 John Catcher, } 1603.
 John Wiggins, }
 George Wilson } 1604.
 George Wilson, }
 Francisc Makyn, } 1604-5.

George Wilson seems to have deceased in office.

Francisc Makyn, or Maulkin, }
 John Catcher, } 1605.
 John Catcher, }
 Richard Knevett, } 1606.
 Francisc Makyn, }
 John Catcher, } "
 Bartho. Smythe, 1607.

(No regular Minutes appear to have been kept.)

Bartholomew Smythe, }
 Myles Presswicke, } 1608.
 Myles Presswicke, }
 Walter Hallyley, } 1612.
 Walter Hallyley, }
 Richard Haynes, } 1613.
 Richard Haynes, }
 Henry Heynes, } 1614.
 Tho^s. Shaw, no date.
 John Shellie, 1615.
 Sir Henrye Roo, Knight, }
 Mr. Henrye Bannyster, Esquire, } 1619.
 Mr. Symon Egerton, }
 Mr. Thomas Allyn, } 1621.
 Mr. Thomas Allyn, }
 Mr. Edward Cutte, } 1622.

Edward Cutte, }
 Hughe Wilson, } 1623.

Thos. Gilbert, }
 Mr. Brierley, } 1624.

Mr. James Brierley, }
 Mr. William Pavier, } 1625.

Walter Halliley chosen 1625 (Feb.), viz., 1626 N.S., in lieu
 of Brierley, deceased.

William Davies, }
 George Robyns, } 1626.

George Robins, }
 Richard Boothby, } 1627.

Edward White, }
 John Alden, } 1628.

Both sign by their marks.

John Alden, }
 Giles de Butt, } 1629.

Gyles de Butt, or Debutt, }
 Thomas Hauker, or Hawke, } 1630.

Thomas Hawke, or Hawkes, }
 Robert Smith, } 1631.

Robert Smyth, }
 Peter Goodwyn, } 1632.

Here occurs the signature of Dr. Doulben as Bishop of
 Bangor, viz., David Bangor.

Mr. Goodwyn, }
 Mr. Cheyneye, } 1633.

Afterwards, when signed, spelt Cheney.

William Cheney, Esquier, }
 Mr. George Willis, } 1634.

George Willis, }
 Robert South, } 1635.

Father of the celebrated Preacher.

Robert South, }
 John Pigott, } 1636.

John Pigott,	}	1637.
Thomas Robinson,		
Thomas Robinson,	}	1638.
Edward Thomas,		
Edward Thomas,	}	1639.
Thomas Man,		
Thomas Man,	}	1640.
William Gore,		
William Gore,	}	1641.
Thomas Browne, of Shacklewell,		
Thomas Browne,	}	1642.
John Wood,		
John Wood,	}	1643.
Thomas Salmon,		
Capt. Thos. Salmon,	}	1644.
Robt. Sheppard,		

(Signs Sheppard.)

There does not appear to be a meeting to choose Wardens for 1645.

William Taylor,	}	1646.
William Cutler,		
William Cutler,	}	1647.
John Jonnes,		
John Jones,	}	1648.
Richard Barraclwee (Barraclough),		
Richard Barraclough,	}	1649.
Edmund Trench,		
Edward Misselden,	}	1650.
Thomas Finch,		
Tho. Finch,	}	1651.
John Terwill,		
John Terrell,	}	1652.
Capt. Lambert Pitcher,		
Lambert Pitcher,	}	1653.
James Taylor,		

James Taylor,	}	1654.
Abraham Johnson,		
Abraham Johnson,	}	1655.
John Nicolls,		
John Nicolls,	}	1656.
Robert Perwich,		

(Probably the same name previously spelt Presswicke.)

Robert Perwich,	}	1657.
Samuel Ravenscroft,		
William Gray,	}	1658.
John Warner,		
John Warner,	}	1659.
Moses Jenkins,		
Moses Jenkins,	}	1660.
Colonel Bridges,		

Colonel Bridges, not being willing to serve, paid a fine, and two days afterwards there were chosen

Moses Jenkins,	}	1660.
Coll. John Bradley,		
Mr. Bradley,	}	1661.
Joseph Marshall,		
Joseph Marshall,	}	1662.
William Eades,		
William Eades,	}	1663.
Thos. Browne,		
Thos. Browne,	}	1664.
Josiah Rycroft,		
Josiah Rycroft,	}	1665.
Richard Marsh,		
Richard Marsh,	}	1666.
John Pepiat,		
John Pepiat,	}	1667.
John Cutts,		
John Cutts,	}	1668.
Edmund West,		

Edmd. West,	}	1669.
Robt. Nicolls,		
Robt. Nicolls,	}	1670.
Henry Hartford,		
Henry Hartford,	}	1671.
Wm. fferris,		
Wm. fferris,	}	1672.
John Rymill,		
John Rymill,	}	1673.
John Barraclough,		
John Barraclough,	}	1674.
Thomas Leech,		
Thos. Leech,	}	1675.
Jno. Brooks,		
John Brooks,	}	1676.
Thos. Bennett,		
Thomas Bennett,	}	1677.
Thos. Booth,		
Thos. Booth,	}	1678.
Josiah Williams,		
Josiah Williams,	}	1679.
Josiah Ebrall,		
Josiah Ebrall,	}	1680.
James Debutt,		
James Debutt,	}	1681.
Steven Hamms,		
John Byfeld,	}	1682.
Thos. Hardwicke,		
Stephen Hamms,	}	1683.
Thomas Brookes,		

Thos. Hardwick instead of Stephen Hamms, who has not followed this year his usual custom of coming to reside in the Parish during the Summer.

Thos. Brookes,	}	1684.
Steven Hamms,		

Mr. Hamms was ordered to pay a fine of £10 to be excused from serving the office of Churchwarden. Mr. Thos. Brookes seems to have remained sole Churchwarden.

Stephen Hamms, }
Lucy Knightley, } 1685.

It is not explained why Mr. Hamms was chosen again: probably he had not paid the fine: he did so afterward, and Mr. Thos. Brookes was chosen in his stead, and Mr. Alexr. Hosea in the room of Lucy Knightley,* who also paid the fine of £10.

John Brayne, }
Isaac Estwicke, } 1686.
Thos. Cooke, }
Thos. Kirke, } 1687.

Mr. Cooke paid the fine of £10, and Mr. Henry Wilson was chosen Upper Churchwarden in his stead.

Thomas Kirke, }
Joseph Rand, } 1688.

Mr. Kirke paid the usual fine, and Mr. Edwd. Hemmens was chosen.

Mr. Isaac Estwicke, }
William Northey, } 1689.

Mr. Edward Hemmens, upon his request, was excused from serving the office of Churchwⁿ. upon paying of ffive pounds onely, because he is an illiterate man, & served as under Churchwarden the last year.

William Northey, }
John Thinn, } 1690.
John Thinn, }
Sir John Freind, K^t., } 1691.

Sir John Freind paid his fine of £10, & Mr. John Hewit was chosen in his room.

* See notes 'Lucy Knightley.'

George Snell, }
James Deane, } 1692.

Mr. Jno. Hewit was excused from further serving that office & all other Parish Offices by reason of his great age and Infirmness.

James Deane, }
Thos. Paine, } 1693.

Mr. James Deane, Upper Churchwarden for y^e year last past, through the great importunity of the Gentlemen of this Vestry (they having withall promised he should be excused wholly from serving the office of Surveyor of y^e highways) was prevailed with to hold Churchwarden for this year ensuing. And Mr. Thos. Paine, under Churchw^d. the year last past, pleading his insufficiency as altogether illiterate, was, upon his request, wholly excused from serving the s^d. office. Mr. Thomas Ruty was chosen under warden for 1694.

Ralph Harwood, }
William Garston, } 1695.
William Garston, }
William Law, } 1696.
William Law, }
Samuel Phelpes, } 1697.
Henry Jones, }
John Neeve, } 1698.
John Neeve, }
Geo. Carter, Esq., } 1699.

Esq^r. Carter was fined £10.

Mr. Thomas Perkins chosen under Ch. warden.

Thos. Perkins, }
Thos. Flanders, } 1700.

Mr. Robert Bruce, Vicar, by force of the Canons nominated Thos. Blackmore, sen^r., Esq. (which he said he had power thereby to doe) to be Churchwarden. It was opposed.

And it was then put to the Vote whether the s^d. Thomas Blackmore should be chosen by the pish into that office, and it passed in the Negative. Mr. Thomas Flanders, noiated next, was unanimously chosen Under churchwarden for this present yeare.

Thomas Flanders,	}	1701.
Thomas Blackmore, sen ^r ., Esq.,		
Thos. Blackmore, sen ^r ., Esq.,	}	1702.
Mr. Daniel Stacy,		
Danl. Stacy,	}	1703.
Saml. Ball,		

Saml. Ball offered to pay £14 fine, and John Southerne was elected in his room.

John Southerne,	}	1704.
Nicholas Morse,		
Nicholas Morse,	}	1705.
Thos. Coates,		
Thos. Coates,	}	1706.
John Bushell,		
John Bushell,	}	1707.
Thos. Hunt,		
Laurence Schnell,	}	1708.
Richard Barker,		

In fact, Thomas Hunt was chosen at first, but he was pleased to pay down instantly ten pounds to be, and was excused.

Richard Barker, upper,	}	wardens, 1709.
Anthony Lowden, under,		
Anthony Lowden, or Sowden,	}	1710.
Thomas Cubbich,		
Thomas Cubbich,	}	1711.
Lazarus Dunmore,		
Jno. Clarke,	}	1712.
Richd. Johnson,		

Richd. Johnson,	}	1713.
John Hudson,		
John Hudson,	}	1714.
John Clarke,		
Nicholas Wood,	}	1715.
Joseph Battrum,		
Joseph Battrum,	}	1716.
Nicholas North,		
Nichs. North,	}	1717.
Thos. Lant,		
Thos. Linton,	}	1718.
John Harcourt,		

(Thos. Lant, William Heasey, Jno. Woodfield were all fined and excused.)

John Harcourt,	}	1719.
Benj. Watts,		

(Richd. Ryder, Thos. Powel, Philip Nesbit, Jno. Blackall were all fined £10 each and excused.)

Benj. Watts,	}	1720.
James Huggett,		
James Huggett,	}	1721.
John Herbert,		
Andrew Ayres,	}	1722.
Thomas Howson,		
Thomas Howson,	}	1723.
John Corbison,		
John Corbison,	}	1724.
Robert Iles,		
Robert Iles,	}	1725.
Joseph Read,		

12 April, 1726.

Agreed unanimously that the thanks of this Vestry be given to Mr. Robert Iles, Churchwarden of this parish, for the good services he hath done for the parish in that office.

Joseph Read,	}	1726.
Richd. Morris,		
Rich. Morris,	}	1727.
Jerē. Wood, Esq.,		
Jeremiah Wood, Esq.,	}	1728.
Samuel Woodfeild,		
Samuel Woodfeild,	}	1729.
James Grier,		
James Grier,	}	1730.
Thos. Wood,		
Thos. Wood,	}	1731.
John Davis,		
John Davis,	}	1732.
Samuel Barnard,		

It appearing to the Vestry that the late Churchwarden Mr. Samuel Barnard, is very antient and infirm,

Agreed that the said Mr. Saml. Barnard be excused from serving the parish in the said office, or any other Office, in regard of his age and Infirmity.

Mr. Barnard then made the parish a present of the sume of five Guineas for the use of the parish.

Mr. John Davis, the late Churchwarden, having been singularly serviceable to the parish in the discharge of that office, Agreed that the said Mr. John Davis be chosen Churchwarden of this parish for the year ensuing, he having consented thereto.

John Davis,	}	1733.
Morgan Bynon,		
Morgan Bynon,	}	1734.
Edward Brooksby,		
Edward Brooksby,	}	1735.
William Wegton,		
William Wegton,	}	1736.
Robert Aldwinckle,		
Robt. Aldwinckle,	}	1737.
Thomas Rudge,		

James Lambourne, }
 John Cox, } 1738.

Mr. Robt. Aldwinckle seems to have been one of the wardens in 1739, and died in office. The parish seems to have been engaged in some dispute about the wardens.

John Cox, }
 Edward Nutt, } 1740.

Edward Nutt, }
 Joseph Sureties, } 1741.

John Howard one of the Sidesmen.

Joseph Sureties, }
 Henry Cock, } 1742.

Henry Cock, }
 Richard Speed, } 1743.

Richard Speed, }
 Robert Howarth, } 1744.

Robert Howarth, }
 Samuel Woolmer, } 1745.

Samuel Woolmer, }
 William Catlin, } 1746.

William Catlin, }
 James MacGill, } 1747.

James MacGill, }
 Edward Dixon, } 1748.

George Clear, }
 John Tennant, } 1749.

John Tennant, }
 Thomas Slater, } 1750.

Thos. Slater, }
 Nehemiah Ring, } 1751.

Nehemiah Ring, }
 Edward Barnard, } 1752.

Edward Barnard, }
 John Bride, } 1753.

John Bride, }
 John Blackwell, } 1754.

John Blackwell, }
 John Arundall, } 1755.
 John Arundall, }
 Jeremiah Bowne, } 1756.
 Jeremiah Browne, }
 Daniel Stacy, } 1757.

Mr. Stacy paid his fine, and was excused. John Killingsworth in the room of Mr. Stacy.

John Killingsworth, }
 John Woodfield, } 1758.

Thomas Davison appointed one of the Overseers of the poor, but paid his fine.

John Woodfield, }
 Willm. Trulock, } 1759.
 Willm. Trulock, }
 Robt. Coose, } 1760.

For some reason that does not appear, Henry Norris was also chosen warden.

May 3, 1760.

Henry Norris, } Churchwardens, were
 M. Trulock, } present.
 John Dekewer, }
 Robt. Coose, } 1761.
 Wm. Adnett, }

Perhaps Mr. Coose did not serve in 1760; but why are three chosen? Mr. Coose died almost as soon as he came into office.

William Reynolds, }
 John Blackwell, } 1762.
 James Joyner, }

Mr. Adnett excused, as he took the office of Upper Ch. warden last year, on the death of Mr. Coorse. (There are again three chosen.)

William Reynolds,	}	1763.
James Joyner,		
Robert Purnell,		
Robert Purnell,	}	1764.
Henry Hawkins,		
Henry Hawkins,	}	1765.
Joseph Pasco,		

John Davis and Richard Marshall *are chosen one of the Churchwardens.* (They are held in reserve, we imagine, in case of need.)

Joseph Pasco,	}	1766.
Joseph Parsons,		
Joseph Parsons,	}	1767.
John Lambert,		
John Lambert,	}	1768.
Samuel Tayler,		
Samuel Tayler,	}	1769.
Thos. Wright,		
Thos. Wright,	}	1770.
Edwd. Buck,		
Edward Buck,	}	1771.
William Brooks, Esq ^r .,		



The Old Register.

WE have been favoured, by the courtesy of the Rev. A. Brook, Rector of Hackney, with permission to inspect a small Register wherein the Christenings begin January, 1555-6, and end in 1650, and the Marriages and Burials commence in 1600, and end about 1650. We have copied a few pages *in extenso* at the beginning, to show the form of the Book. Afterwards we have made extracts only. All the more important entries have been already copied by Lysons, and following Lysons, by Dr. Robinson; but we thought an independent selection might preserve some of interest, and being familiar with the names of the inhabitants, we have copied such names as we have been accustomed to meet with elsewhere in the parish records.

(At the beginning of the old Register book.)

Churchwardens.

To them for the ground in the Church	-	-	vjs. viijd.
To them for the great bell	-	-	vjs. viijd.
To them for the 4 bell	-	-	vs.

To them for the third bell	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>	v <i>d.</i>
To them for the second bell	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>	
To them for the Cloth	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>	

If any be buried in the night or carried away, then these fees are double.

In the Side Chancell.

To the Vicar	-	-	-	-	x <i>s.</i>
To the Wardens	-	-	-	-	x <i>s.</i>
To the Clarke	-	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>
To the Sexton for the grave	-	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>
To him for the knell	-	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>
ffor the passing bell	-	-	-	-	vii <i>d.</i>

Sexton's duties.

for a grave in the Chancell	-	-	-	-	iii <i>s.</i>
In the side chances or vault	-	-	-	-	ij <i>s.</i>
In the Church	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
In the Churchyard	-	-	-	-	v <i>d.</i>
Knells—for ringing the great bell	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
for the 4 bell	-	-	-	-	xij <i>d.</i>
for the 3 ^d bell	-	-	-	-	v <i>d.</i>
for the second bell	-	-	-	-	iii <i>d.</i>
for the first bell	-	-	-	-	ij <i>d.</i>

But if any of the parish will be carried away, or be buried in the night: then these fees are to bee Double.

Month.	Child's Name.	1555.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
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(i.e., Old Style.)

Here beginneth the Christenings in the parish of Hackney from the yeare

1555.

January.	Robart Bothell	22
Febru.	Margery Harrison	2
	Katheren House	17

Moneth.	Child's Name.	1555.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
March.	Elizabeth Smith			17	
	Alice Henson			20	
	ffrancis Etnam			23	
	Jane Denham			23	
	Mary Nichols			27	
April.	Roger Castell			4	
1556.					
	Roger Walker			4	
	Thomas Sweet			7	
	Elizabeth Dun			13	
	Roger Scott			28	
May.	Ralfe Williams			17	
	Joane Martin			23	
June.	Anne Harrison			15	
	Edmund Jackson			27	
July.	George Linnit			18	
	Alice ffisher			18	
August.	Elizabeth Malkin			4	
	John Cooke			8	
	Thomas Gowe			22	
Sept.	Margret Hossye			18	
	Benedick Catcher			21	
Octo.	Dority Shert			13	
	Robart Croton			21	
Novem.	Alice Wright			17	
	Elenor ffrance			24	
Decem.	John Price			4	
	Thomas Browne			15	
	Christopher Pyate			25	Monument in
	ffrancis Only			29	Old ch. to Jone
January.	Lucy Lone (or Sone)			12	Only, wife of
Febru.	Anne Roberts			27	John Only of
	Joane Sweete			27	Warwicksh.,
					d. 1525.

Moneth.	Child's Name.	1556.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	ffrancis Morris			28	
March.	Cuthbart Hunter			8	
	Benedick Nicky			9	
	Joane House			15	
	Catheren Carpender			19	
1557.					
Aprill.	Margret Sterkey			21	
	Lucy Blewit			23	
June.	Charls Anderson			1	
	Anne Bruton			3	
	Thomas Lee			23	
	Thomas ffinck			28	
August.	Thomas Harrison			3	
	ffrancis Cooke			14	
	Isabell Rigg			23	
	Elizabeth Greeneoake			30	
	John Browne			30	
	Anne Newman			30	
Sept.	John Denham			3	
	ffrancis Smith			13	
	William ffrench			27	
	Thomas Dolman			27	
Octo.	Francis Barty			4	
	David Gyles			18	
Novem.	John Gowe			8	
	Anne Hartwick			8	
	ffrancis Malkin			9	Francis Maulken
	Alexander ffrench			14	was Church-
Decem.	Cathern Tomlin			1	warden in
	John Johnson			10	1604-5.
	Anne Pate			22	
Janiary.	John Turke			1	
	Elizabeth Sanderson			25	

Moneth	Child's Name.	1557.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Alice Minshaw			28	
Febru.	Christopher ffrancis			13	
	Paskall Olemant			14	
	Dority Bedell			14	
	ffrancis Smith			17	
	Robart Aprice			23	
	Elizabeth Rigley			24	
March.	Suzan Stebring			1	
	John Sweet		Robt.	14	
	Joane ffothergill			20	
1558.					
	Agustine Castle			26	
	Elizabeth Lye			29	
Aprill.	John Dick		John	25	
May.	Thomas Scott			1	
July.	Richard Garret, or Jarrat			3	
	Margret Sweete			4	
	Mary Marshall			20	
Aug.	Jane Tox			6	
	Lucy Sherley			10	
	Elizabeth More			15	
Sept.	James Wilkinson			5	
	Agnis Smale			18	
	Hipolito Catcher			28	
Octo.	John Archer			29	
Novem.	Alexander Martin			23	
Jania.	Margret Linnit			11	
	Thomas Nichols			13	
Febru.	Lucy Snape			5	
	Elizabeth Mariot			22	
	Agnis Poope			24	
March	William ffrancis			24	

Month.*	Child's Name.	1559.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Anne Catcher			26	
	Jone Briggs			29	
	Margret Malkin			29	
Aprill.	Leigh			8	
	Henry Streete			25	
July.	John Rigg			12	
	Catherin Bruce			31	
Augu.	Elizabeth Ruttey			13	
	John Jackson			28	
Sept.	Larrance Browne			18	
	Henry Morehouse	Christo.		18	
	Suzan Douglas			27	
	Anthony Price			28	
Octo.	Anthony Small			5	
	Thomas Yotton			9	
	Elizabeth Wall			9	
	Mary Tymes			10	
	John Blewit			12	
	Agnis Mampris			17	
	John ffinch			30	
Novem.	Richard Turke			6	
	George Gore			12	
	John Wright			18	
Decem.	Agnis Sweete			18	
Jania.	Margret Richardson			29	
Febru.	William Snape			9	
	William Pate			10	
	Arther Denham			12	
March.	John fflint			2	
	Joane Cox			4	
	John Nix			23	
		1560.			
	Anne Dawson			29	
	William Smith			30	

* Sometimes spelt moneth, but not always.

Month.	Child's Name.	1560.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
Aprill.	John Smith			9	
May.	William ffrench			11	
August.	Margret Turner			7	
Octo.	Joane Marlton			12	
	Margret Mayre			27	
Novem.	Thomas Malkin			12	
Decem.	Judith Stebering			3	
	Kine Onion			10	
	Thomas Speny			31	
	William Catcher			31	
Jania.	Stephen Holder			13	
	Dority Rutlegg			14	
	Thomas Pope			14	
Febru.	Margret Bennit			4	
	Joane Richardson			4	
	Leonard Richardson			24	
March.	Francis Linnit			11	
	Anne Linnit			11	
	Laurance House			4	
1561.					
Aprill.	Joane Castle			1	
	John Gore			7	
	Margret Bruce			14	
	Margret Allin			14	
	Alexander Address			25	
May.	Margret Archer			5	
	Margery Hussey			8	
	Dyana Sweete			7	
July.	John Leigh			10	
	Alice Catcher			25	
	John Linnit			26	
August.	Walter Halleyle			26	
	Jane Halleley			26	

Month.	Child's Name.	1561.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Alice Smale			27	
	Joane ffinch			28	
	Margery Sweete			28	
Sept.	Agnis Cowley			8	
	Margret Nayle			22	
Octo.	Anne Tymes			14	
	John Harrison		Richard	16	
Novem.	John Otnell			1	
	leonard malkin			24	
	Margret Hardwick			24	
Decem.	Thomas linnit			1	
	Anne Nichols		John	1	
	George Ap Owen			15	
Jani.	George Vallentine			6	
	William ffinch			12	
	Richard Well			19	
	Arthur Walding			19	
	Elizabeth Minshaw			19	
	John Marlton			26	
febru.	Katheren Bricket			23	
	Dority Yotten			24	
March.	Anne Rutlegg			2	
	Edith Snape			9	
	Walter Gilbert			26	
		1562.			
April.	Agnis Marlton			5	
	Jeffery Giles			13	
	George Nichols		John	20	
	John Nichols				
	William Sanderson				
	Mary Mony			30	
July.	John Michell			15	
	Arther Marsh			13	

Month.	Child's Name.	1562.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Margery Chandler			4	
Sept.	Arther Warley			31	
	Roze Catcher			24	
	Roger Wright			28	
Nove.	Elizabeth ffurner			3	
	John Dawson			9	
	Joane Haines			9	
	Joane Richardson			9	
	Arther Dickinson			16	
	Arther Dowglas			16	
	Joane Small			30	
Decem.	Alice linnit			28	
	Thomas Denham			28	
Jani.	John Hardwick			18	
	Julian Cowley			25	
	Joane Tynes			30	
Feb.	Thomas Bothman			1	
	Edward Dulcy			2	
	Agnis Allin			14	
Mar.	Alice Sweete			22	
	Elizabeth Minshaw			1	
	Judeth Speney			1	
	Alice Helior			7	
	John Hardwick againe			15	Qy., why again?
	Joane Clarke			15	
	Thomas Sweete			22	
Marrion Malkin			22		
1563.					
April.	George Harison			29	
	John Swift			30	
	Anthony holt			5	
May.	Agnis Pate			5	
	Benidick Audry			7	

Month.	Child's Name.	1563.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
June.	John Rutlegg			6	
	Thomas Castle			7	
	Arther Willain			28	
	Jane Rigg			29	
July.	Margret Cotton			1	
	Richard Nayle			19	
	Margret Goodboddy			19	
	Samuel Rogers			26	
	Elizabeth Gowe			26	
	Agnis Michael			26	
Aug.	John Stebering			16	
	Margery Dowglas			23	
Sept.	Joyce legord			12	
Octo.	Agnis Marston			18	
Nov.	Marffrett Hessy			18	
Dece.	Jane Ingrane			13	
	John Wissha			20	
	Joane Haines elds. daughter } Thoma. Haines }			21	
Jania.	William Youans			3	
	Jane Archer			6	
	Alice Smith			17	
	Alice Brian			17	
	Catheren Turner			24	
	Elizabeth Catcher			24	
Marche.	John Tyse			7	
	Philip Bricket			24	
1564.					
Aprill.	Barbara Thwaits			4	
	Anne Gilbert			6	
	Alice Gilbert			6	
	Dority Smith			12	
	John Warley			18	

Month.	Child's Name.	1564.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Margret Harrison			18	
May.	John ffinch			5	
	John Owen			}	9
	Edmund Owen				
June.	Alice Hardwick			3	
	Margret Brooke, the daughter of S ^r William Brooke, Lord Cobham			}	8 Margareta Broke nata apud Hackeney,
	Joane ffoster				
July.	Troylus Yotton			11	juxta Londi-
	ffrancis Rutlegg			12	n̄m, in die
	Agnis Malkin			18	Mercurii, 2
	Margret leigh			29	Junii, 1563,
Aug.	Elizabeth Blackborne			4	inter horas 7
	Alice Beswick			15	and 8, ante
	John Tymes			20	meridiem,
Sept.	William Harrison			5	ejusdem diei.
	Mary Castell			12	
	Elizabeth Haslewood			29	
Octo.	John Huggins			4	
	Elizabeth Robarts			18	
	Edward Lambert			31	
Nov.	Thomas Rivet, gent.			2	
	Elizabeth Hall (or Nall)			7	
	Godfree Vallentine			10	
	Arther Dericot			14	An Arthur Deri-
	Ralph ffilby, gent.			19	cote died 12
	Jane Gowe			21	Nov., 1562,
	lurece Catcher			28	as appears by
decem.	Elizabeth Swetherdine			13	his brass in
Jania.	Lodowick Hawes			2	Hackney ch.
	Alice ffinch			30	
feb.	John Chandler			4	
	Robart Hart			6	

Month.	Child's Name.	1564.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	George Stebring			12	
	Thomas Martin			12	
	William Sweete			18	
March.	francis Bird, gent.			10	
		1565.			
Aprill.	Humphry Denham			9	
	John Webb			14	
	John legate			14	
	John Rigge againe			29	
May.	Sith Dowglas			9	
	Alice Marlton			21	
	Elizabeth Keyes			25	
	Margret Malkin			28	
	Elizabeth linnit			28	
June.	Elizabeth Richardson			4	
	Richard Haynes			18	
	Robart Catcher		Thoms.	29	
July.	Agnis lancaster			16	
	Amice (or Annies) Nicholson			30	
Aug.	Elizabeth Meare			6	
	Jane Bella			18	
	Bridget Seriant			20	
	Christopher Thomson (or Thornton)			27	
	Anne Gosling				Struck out
Sept.	Margret Gosling			2	
	Anne Gyles			16	
Octob.	William linnit	Oeon*		29	* Illegible.
Nouem.	Cutberd ffrench			1	
	Mary Dawson			5	
	Alexander Minshaw			8	
	Elizabeth Gurley			26	
Decem.	Katheren Bedell			17	

Month.	Child's Name.	1565.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Katheren Aldersey			17	
Jania.	ffrancis Hollingworth			21	
feb.	Elizabeth Hen			1	
	Elizabeth Sweete			8	
	Elizabeth Tomson			11	
	Agnis Hert			11	
	Adelin Hoderost			18	
March.	Margery Shone			24	
	Barbery Warley			25	
		1566.			
Aprill.	John Hanley			1	
	John Chandler			13	
	George Mapris			29	
	Richard Goodbody			29	
	William ffinch			30	
May.	Barbara Owen			27	
	Sara Stebring			27	
June.	Richard Denham			17	
	John Clemant			17	
	William Cobb, gent.			29	
July.	Richard Marlton			12	
	John linnitt			14	
	Roger Harrison			22	
	Christopher Haleley			29	
Aug.	John Morrice, burial			7	A burial. En
Sept.	Anne Wilson			2	tered by mis-
	Margret Geffs			9	take.
	Bridgett Keyes			11	
	John Hide			24	
	Mary Bayly			26	
October.	Margery Searll			10	
	Ralph Hoderost			18	
	Robart Huggons			28	

Month.	Child's Name.	1566.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
Novem.	William Wolped			1	
	William Smith			4	
	Joane Gore			14	
	Dority Turner			24	
Decem.	Christopher Robarts			9	
	Iarrance ffinch			16	
	Joane Tymes			17	
	Katheren Birked			23	
Jania.	Barbara Sweete			3	
	Christopher lancaster			9	
	Margret Walgrave			24	
	John Malkin } Suzan Malkin, }		twins	24	
March.	John Bishop			18	
1567.					
	Joane Millain			28	
Aprill.	Thomas Ap Rice			29	
June.	Easter Gyles			1	
	Joane linnit			4	
	Charles Roper, gent.			24	
	Thomas Dowglas			30	
July.	Easter Stebering			30	
	Elizabeth Dudly			7	
	Elizabeth Martin			25	
	John Carlton			28	
August.	William Marlton			4	
	John Smalle			16	
	Robart Stoakes			20	
Octo.	Margret Clemmant			20	
Novem.	Joshua, or Johesua ffoster			10	
Decem.	Barbara Webb			1	
	Nicholas Phillezos			12	
	David Hoderost			15	

Month.	Child's Name.	1567.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
	Andrew Geffs			22	
	Arnald Warley			26	
Jania.	Dority Allin			23	
Febru.	Elizabeth Doyle			23	
	William Chapman			26	
March.	Catheren Chandler	(23 or)		31	
1568.					
Aprill.	Arther Mullener			2	
	Rachell Meare			20	
May.	Elizabeth Richardson			1	
	Joane Tomson			3	
	Miriall Shelly			11	
	Daniell Robarts			25	
June.	Margret Mortimer			15	
	Alice Tart			15	
July.	John Key, gent.			6	
	Larrence Warren			6	
August.	Joane Bedle	} all one.		7	
	Joane Aldersey				
Sept.	Mary Huggens			1	
	Thomas Walley, or Wallhed			17	
	Richard Harrison			27	
	Mathew Malkin			27	
	John Hide			27	
	Susan Gilbert			29	
Octo.	James Blis			5	
	John linnit			13	
	Alice Mampes			26	
	John Collingworth			31	
Novem.	Elizabeth Marlton			4	
	Richard Aston			8	
	Dorrity Dawson			9	
	Alice Haines			9	

Month.	Child's Name.	1568.	Father's Name.	Day.	Editor's Remarks.
Jania.	Joane Shelly			1	
	Thomas Steberin			18	
	Kollin Minshaw			18	
	Elizabeth Goffe			18	
	Agnis Burges			21	
	Thomas Dudley			21	
	Mary Bowyer			4	
	Mary Greeneley			13	
	Mary Thornton			22	
	Agnis Owen			24	
	James Pirie			29	
	John Lewis			29	
Thomas Sweete			29		

(Here ends the continuous extract. The following are selected entries.)

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CHRISTENINGS.

1569.—	May 17.	Christopher linnit.
	June 24.	Francis Neuill, gent.
	Decr. 4.	John Snape.
1570.—	April 3.	Henry Malkin.
	May 28.	John Shelley.
	Sept. 25.	John Allin.
	Nov. 3.	Lucy Dudley.
1572.—	Feb. 4.	Anthony Blackwell.
1573.—	Decr. 22.	Bridget Dudly.
	Feb. 20.	Barbary Hide.
1575.—	April 3.	Anthony Sergent.
	June 19.	Anne Mun.
1574.—	Decr. 16.	Myrable Dudly.
1576.—	Dece. 23.	Barbary Bucher.
	Jan. 13.	Edward fforster.
1577.—	Sept. 15.	Alice Vallentine.

- 1579 o.s.—Jan. 10. Daniell Cornelius.
 Feb. 8. Alice Catcher.
- 1581.—Nov. 20. John Spenser.
- 1582.—July 29. Alice ffeilding.
 Sept. 19. Susan Roe. Henry.
- 1583.—Nov. Tho. Roe. Henry.
- 1584 o.s.—Jan. 10. John Holms.
- 1585.—April 13. Eliza Roe. Henry.
 July 18. Anthony fforster.
 Nov. 28. John Malkin.
 Decr. 5. Arther fforster.
 Jan. 16 o.s. John Catcher.
- 1586.—April 24. Barbary Dowglas.
 May 29. Hellin Spicer.
 Aug. 14. Christo. ffuller.
- 1588.—Sept. 15. ffran. Malkin.
- 1589.—July 6. Roger Brooke.
- 1593.—June 6. John Haleley. Nich
- 1594.—April 14. Thomas Wildgus.
- 1595.— 20. Sara Halleley. Nich.
 Sept. 28. Anne Preswick.
- 1596.—Feb. 27 o.s. John Goodman. Geo.
- 1597.—Nov. 6. Bridget Dimmock. Filia St. Edward :
 (Champion of England ?)
 Decr. 18. Peter Preswick. m.
- 1598.—April 17. Bartho. Allin.
 April 30. Bridget Halleley.
- 1599.—July 22. John Blewit.
 Oct. 14. Will. Dowglas.
- 1600 o.s.—April 6. Mary Simpson.
 May 27. John Munt.
 July 6. John Alden. John.
 Aug. 1. George Haleley.
 Feb. 2 o.s. Richard Hallowley.
 15. Edward Haleley. Walter.
 Mar. 11. Dority Hallerley.
 (Dorothy is always thus spelt.)

- 1601.—May 28. William Daniell.
 June 14. Henry Preswick.
 July 5. Roger, a stranger.
 Oct. 8. Millicent Wildgus.
 Decr. 6. Tristram Cullambell.
- 1602.—March 28. John Lander. } Thos.
 Eliza Lander. }
 Roger Lander. Rolf.
- Sept. 19. John Allin. John.
 Nov. 7. Christo. Halleley.
- 1604.—Aug. 2. Mary Wood. Tho.
 26. Alice Cullambell.
 26. Christian Cullambell.
 Sept. 30. Francis Newbery.
 Robt. Haleley. Nich.
- March 19. Anne Halleley.
- 1606.—March 30. John Populusq., *i.e.*, Populusque.
 April 11. Urseley Popül.
 27. Will. pupulusq.
 June 18. Peeter populusq.
 Oct. 19. Mary Tiffany.
- 1607.—Mar. 31. Mary Haleley. Walt.
 April 21. Eliza Halleley. Nich.
 Aug. 31. Eliza Comfort.
 Sept. 5. John Alden.
 Feb. 8. Dority Malkin.
- 1608.—Aug. 4. Walter Halleley. Walt.
 Sept. 4. Paul Eliot. paule.
 11. William Populusque.
 Feb. 13. Tho. Populusque.
- 1609.—June 4. Henry Row. Ri.
 August. Anne, the daughter of S^r Robart Rich,
 was born the 13, but Christened
 the 24.
 Septem. 29. John populusque.
 Octob. 13. fran. Curwin. S^r. hen.

- Decr. Mary Hallely. Nich.
 Decem. 30. Salomon Skingle.
 Mar. 17. Anne populusq.
 1610.—Apr. 15. John Powell. Edw.
 May 18. Eliza Populusque.
 Oct. 21. Rich. Halleley. Walt.
 25. francis Malkin. fr.
 Feb. 20. Tho. Populusq.
 1611.— Robert Rich, fillius S^r. Robart; borne
 the 28th of June, but Christ^d. the 13
 July.
 Aug. 25. John Preswick.
 1612.—Feb. 14. Azadia Halleley.
 1613.—Aug. 1. Arther Key. S^r. John.
 1614.—July 6. lucy Rich. S^r. Robt.
 13. Tho. Allin. Thos.
 (Probably the Churchwarden's son.)
 1615.—Aprill 23. Will. Baxter.
 May 7. Susan Halleley.
 June. Mary Whitmore. Sir George (Balmes).
 Oct. 15. Sara Roe. S^r. Henry.
 1616.—May 12. Rebecca Calvin.
 (Calvin of Geneva died in 1564, aged 56 years: possibly
 the great plague in Geneva in 1615 had caused his family
 to take refuge in England.)
 June 14. Richard Cheney.
 July and Septem., *null*.
 1617.—Decr. 11. Mary Calvin.
 Feb. 24. Lucy Lodge.
 1618.—April 19. Thomas Rawlins.
 June 21. Tabitha Halleley. Walter.
 July 19. Maudlin Smith.
 Decem. 6. Geo. Golland. Edw.
 1619.—May 24. Ellenor Roe. S^r. Henry.
 August 8. Henry Sanson.
 Decem. 1. Phillip Anderkin.

- 1619.—Decem. 23. Anne Calvin.
 1620.—June 3. John Salladine.
 Feb. 11. lidia Misselden.
 1621.—Aug. 26. Eliza Player.

(Sir Thos. Player, buried in the old Hackney Church, was Chamberlain of London. He was alluded to by Dryden as "railing Rabshakeh.")

- Decem. 2. Thos. Grose. Geo.
 Feb. 24. Rich. Halleley. Walt.
 1622.—April 1. Eliza Dupper.
 Sept. 22. Eliza Calvin.
 Decem. 6. John Roe. St. Henry.
 1623.—May 25. William Dupper.
 Jan. 28. Mary Calvin. Edw.
 Feb. 2. Francis Halleley. Wal.
 1624.—Jan. 9. fillia John Dupper, 9.
 1625.—March 25. John Topliff.
 Aug. 31. Joane South. Robt.
 Octo. 3. Elnathan Negus.
 Febru. *Nihil.*
 1626.—April 10. Robart Roe. S. H. (viz., St. Henry).
 Aug. 4. Sara Roe. Mr. Owen (regicide).

(Owen Roe was of a younger branch, descended from Sir Thos. Rowe, Knt., Lord Mayor of London in 1568. He was a native of Kent, but the head of the family resided at Hackney. Mr. Owen Rowe is said to have married the daughter of Thos. Scot, another regicide. See 'Lives of the Regicides.')

- 1627.—June 20. John Cardinall. James.
 Dec. 6. Urseley Barfoote.
 1628.—April 11. Edward Calvin.
 1629.—August 7. Katheren Dovehouse.
 1630.—Sept. 5. Thos. Holford. Ed.
 23. Rebecca Sedgwick. Ste.

- 1631.—July 12. Sara Dequestor. John.
 Sep. 8. Henry Calvin.
- 1633.—April 14. frances, fillia John Brown.
 May. Gilbert Haughton, heier to John Lord
 Haughton, was borne the 24 Aprill,
 and (The bottom of page de-
 stroyed.)
- 1633.—March 3. Mary More. Geo.
 26. Catheren Salmon.
- 1634.—Aprill 18. Henry Roe, the Sonne of henry Roe,
 Esquier.
 June 22. John—a Bast.
 Feb. 17. Sara Roe. Henr.
- 1635.—April 2. Mary Saint John.
 (The preceding entry in red ink.)
- 1635.—Jan. 29. John Byfeild, the sonne of Mr. Law-
 rance Byfeild, the father of gods
 wo (illegible).
- 1636.—Aprill. Kathern, the daughter of Henry Roe,
 esquier, and Katheren his wife, was
 baptized the 26 of Aprill, 1636.
 Sara, the daughter of Hugh Vere and
 Mary, his wife, christened the 9th of
 November, 1636.
 Ralph, the sonne of Ralph Nicols,
 marchant, and of Elizabeth, his
 wife, was christened the 10th of No-
 vem^{ber}.
 James, the sonne of James Southern,
 marchant, and of Susanna, his wife,
 was Chrystnd the ijth day.

End of this yeare; that is to say, from the 15th of De-
 cember, 1635, to the 15th of December, 1636. Christened
 in all, 77.

Now followeth the rest of December.

- 1638.—June 2. Winifred, a vagrant.
 July 17. George Robins.
 Sept. 23. John Bullivant.
 Horatia vaire St. John was christened
 the 24th of September, 1638; the
 Earle of Clare and the (blank)
 weare* his godfathers, and the lady
 Wake his godmother. He is the
 sonne of Oliver St. John, esquier
 by Katheren, his wife.
- 1642.—Janua. 16. Elizab. St. John.
 1644.—Oct. 7. Willi Spurstow.
 (Died before his father.)
 Jan. 10. Willi. Hacket.
 May 30. Rob. Perwich.
 (Probably the same name previously spelt Preswick.)
 1646.—Feb. 8. Moses Paigt.
 (There are many Hebrew names, and in or about 1750
 there were many qualified to serve as overseers.)
 1646.—Sept. Willi. Perwich.
 (Month illegible.) Richd. Watts.
 1647.(?) (do.) Rich. Barroclough.
 Willi. Pamphlet.
 Nov. 28. Martha Pepiatt.
 (Edges here much spoilt and dirty.)
 1648.(?)—Jan. 22. Richd. Rowe.
 1650.—Sept. 24. Richd. Perwich.
 Nov. 21. Mary }
 Susane } Rowe.
 Cecillia }
- (Susan born at the same time with Mary and Cicely, wife
 of Thomas Floyd in 1684.—Rowe Pedigree in Robinson.)

MARIAGES, FROM THE YEARE 1600, APRILL.—EXTRACTS.

- June 8. Richard Row; Margery francklin.
 Henry ffeilding; Alice Browne.

* Vere (?).

- Nov. 9. John Whitworth ; Mary Hills.
 1602.—Aug. 10. Robt. Prat, minister ; Suzan Vallentine.
 Nov. 21. Will. Swaine ; Eliza Hills, wid.
 1603.—June 1. Will. linnit ; Isabell Haukes.
 1604.—July. John St. John, gent. ; Anne Leighton,
 gent.
 Feb. 12. Sr. Robart Rich ; frances Hatton.
 1605.—May 20. John Bowman ; Agnis Kirke.
 Sept. 22. Robt. Tomson ; Phillis lightfoote.
 Gyles Mempresson, Esq. ; Katheren
 Sent John.
 1607.—April 7. Phillip Gardner ; ffaith Barns.
 1608.—Aprill 28. St. Rich. lovelace ; Margret Dodworth.
 May 12. Mr. Hugh Johnson ; Bridget Haukes.
 Sept. 29. John Bruster ; lady Deane.
 1610.—Dec^r. 10. John Shelly ; Alice Catcher.
 1611.—April 1. George Downing ; Jane Rookwood.
 (Perhaps the same who was son of the Vicar of Hack-
 ney, Calybute Downing, and afterwards Sec^y. of the
 Treasury. He was at one time head of the office where
 Pepys the diarist was employed. This, however, is very
 doubtful, as the date seems too early.)
 1613.—Aug. 7. George Cocket ; Sara Halleley.
 Mar. 5. Will. Blome ; Grace Simson.
 1614.—Aug. 29. Otho Nicholson ; Lady Margret God-
 dard.
 1615.—Aug. 10. Rich. Wicklife ; Eliza Sandwich.
 Jan. 31. John Wicklife ; Margret Graves.
 1616.—April 30. Richard Cheney ; Alice Offley.
 1617.—June 26. John Bayley ; Phillis Tompson.
 1618.—Feb. 9. John Wilkes ; Maudelin Wigst.
 1621.—July 17. Tho. Gilbert ; Anne Malkin.
 1622.—June 5. Richard Cheny ; Anne Elenor (query
 surname ?)
 Aug. 11. Thos. Tymberlake ; Isabell Mountayne
 (or Montague.)

- Aug. 13. Gratian Allin ; Eliza Hugebirk.
 1623.—Octo. 6. Abraham Chamberlin ; and Anne Askwith.
 Decem. 16. Mathew Duquester ; Anne Spigst.
 Feb. 10. Stephen Squib.

(Mr. Squib's name is so near the bottom of the page that an unfortunate curtailing has deprived us of the name of his wife.)

- 1624.—Sep. Ralph Whitehand ; Anne Streete.
 1625.—Sep^r. Tristram Cullambell ; Anne Wodding.
 1626.—Sept. 28. Cauldwell harrington, & Anne Trueth.
 „ Jan^y. 5. John debehault ; Anne Debutt.
 1628. Willi. Marriage ; Audry Mayney.
 1629.—April 6. Henry Sutton ; Mary Snape.
 1630.—May 8. S^r Christo. Hatton ; Mrs. Eliza Montague.

(Dr. Robinson says, 'Sir Christopher Hatton and Mrs. Elizabeth Montague were joynd in matrimony the 28th day of August, 1630, by license from my lord of Canterbury's grace.' This date does not agree with the Register. Sir C. Hatton was created Lord Hatton in the year 1644. His wife was daughter of Sir Charles Montague, a younger brother of the Earl of Manchester.)

- Dec^r. 7. Robt. Ceaser, Esq. ; Mrs. Eliza : Manning.
 1632.—Aprill 24. S^r Dudley North ; Mrs. Ann Mountagu.
 (This date agrees with that given by Dr. Robinson. Sir Dudley was afterwards the fourth Lord North. His essays were published after his death.—Robinson's 'History of Hackney.')

- 1632.—Aug. 16. Will Salmon ; Bridget Perry.
 Janu. 15. Walter Hayes ; Ruth, Mr. Ceasar's mayd.
 1633-4.—Jan^y. 30. Oliver St. John ; Katheren Veare.

(The daughter of Rt. Hon. the Lord Vere. See Christenings, April 2nd, 1635.)

1634.—Apr. 11. John Downer; Kathern townly.
July (day illegible). Mr. Deincomb (doubtful);
Mar. Egerton.

1634-5.—Jan^y. 15. Richd. Aspland; Alice Carter.

(Perhaps an ancestor of Mr. Aspland, formerly of the Unitarian Chapel, in Paradise Fields, Hackney.)

Jan. 31. John Woodhouse; Elenor Cooper:
licence.

1635.—Sep. 3. Roger Paramore; Mary Bird, wid.

Feb. 25. Roger Croke; Hannah Okey.

(Probably a relative of the regicide, Colonel Okey (who had a house in Hackney called Barber's Barn, or Berns), executed at Tyburn, 1662.)

1636-7.—Feb. 9. James Dove; Anne Halliley.

1637.—June 20. Thomas farfax; Anne Veare.

(The celebrated Parliamentary General. He married Ann, one of the co-heirs of General Sir Horatio, Lord Vere, who so greatly distinguished himself in the Palatine war. By this lady he left an only child, married to George, Duke of Buckingham. Lord Fairfax's cabinet of coins and medals afterwards formed part of the Thoresby collection. Having continual disagreements with the Protector, he finally joined the deputation to King Charles II. It is said there is still a branch of the family in America which retains a small part of the vast possessions acquired there by the Fairfax family.)

1638.—June 21. The Right honorable Mildmay Vain,
Earl of Westmorland, and Dame
Mary Townsend were married the
(blank owing to the foot of the leaf
being damaged).

(Mildmay Fane was the second earl of that family; Mary Townsend was relict of Sir Roger Townsend, Bart.,

and one of the daughters and co-heirs of Horatio, Lord Vere.)

1638.—Aug. 28. John Banister; Elizabeth Bowles.

1639.—July 11. Thos. Parkes; Jane Badway: licence.

Three next are by licence (not copied).

May 26. Richard Hearne; Presilla Watson.

April 20. Thos. Player; Joyce Kendall. No ring; li.

(There is another marked no ring—probably Puritans.)

1643.—Mar. 5. Robert Perwich; Mary Mason.

1644.—March 20. Thos. Sherwood; Frances Player.

Mr. John Hayden; Elline Spurstow.

(The handwriting of the Register since June, 1639, resembles that of Dr. Spurstow.)

(Year not clear. Probably 1647.)

July 19. Mr. Henry Dickenson; Mrs. Elizab. Viner.

Jan. 1647-8.(?) Capell Luckin, Esq^r.; Mary Errington, eldest Harbottle Errington.

BURIALLS IN THE PARISH OF HACKNEY FROM 1600.

(Extracts.)

1600.—Apl. 10. Richard Snape, y. (query yard?)
Henry Page, citty (?)

May 8. Anne Catcher, wi.

Mar. 21. Cornelia Dequester.

1601.—May 2. Bridget Key, wid.

Margret Frye, who being delivered of
3 women children at a berth, weare
all buried the 19.

Dec^r. 17. John Shelley.

Jan. 8. Reading farrinton.

Feb. 8. Will Dartnell, in artibus maiestr.

- 1602.—May 21. Elizabeth, the wife of Edward fforti-
phure, gent.
Feb. 21. Joane Bredberry.
1603.—May 10. Peter Clarke.
19. Susan Boyce.

Here began the Great Plague, but I have set downe none but men or weomen of note. I have left out all children and vagrants, &c.

(Extracts only.)

- August 14. Eliza Daniell.
Novem. 8. Christopher Eliott ; Clarke.
1604.— July 6. Edward Veare, Earl of Oxford.

(Robinson says, 'Edward de Vere, Erle of Oxenford, was buried the 6th day of Julye, anno 1604' (same date, but differently expressed). Did he take it from some other copy of the Register? Edward, Earl of Oxford, was the seventeenth earl of that ancient family; he distinguished himself both as a man of valour and of genius. 'In the year 1585 he was at the head of the nobility that embarked with the Earl of Leicester for the relief of the States of Holland; and in the year 1588 joined the fleet with ships hired at his own expense, to repel the Spanish Armada.' He was Knight of the Garter, and sat on the trial of the Queen of Scots and on those of the Earls of Arundel, Essex, and Southampton. He was an admirable poet, and reckoned the best writer of comedy in his time. A few of his poems are extant in a collection called 'The Paradise of Dainty Devises.' The earl died at a very advanced age, having married to his first wife Anne, daughter of Lord Burleigh, who having offended him by refusing, at his request, to protect the Duke of Norfolk, he took a singular revenge by forsaking his daughter, and dissipating his own estates. The earl's second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Trentham, Esq., of Roucester, in the county of

Stafford, who had been maid of honour to Queen Elizabeth.)

- 1605.—Feb. 14. Richard Hallely, yot. (? probably gent.)*
 1606.—Decr. 28. Ellin Malkin.
 Jan. 5. Ralfe Bell.

(Probably the surveyor and constable who was employed in Daniell's affair.—See Appendix.)

- 1607.—July 24. John Shelly (senior).
 Octo. 8. Prudent Briggs, ge.^t
 1608.—Feb. 13. Nathaniel Key, gent.
 1609.—April 24. Roger lightborow.
 May 4. S^r Edw. Michillborn, Knight.
 June 20. Susan Howson, plag (plague).
 Aug. 19. Lucy Harbert, gent.
 Jania. 31. Suzan Rooe, Lady.
 1610.—July 14. Joane Smith, uxor.(?)
 Aug. 9. Margery Shelly, ux.(?)
 Aug. 25. Joane Rudderford (qy. Rutherford).
 Sept. 5. Francis Malkin, ge.
 Feb. 21. Eliza : Key, fillia.
 1611.—Nov. 12. S^r. Allin Percy.

(Sir Allan Percy was the sixth son of Henry, Earl of Northumberland, by Catherine, eldest daughter and co-heir of John, Lord Latimer. He was created Knight of the Bath in the year 1604, at the same time with Charles I. He was buried in Lady Latimer's vault, in the old Church, Hackney.—Robinson.)

- Jan. 7. Jane Toplif, wid.
 Feb. 7. Anne ffoster, wid.
 1612.—Aprill 6. Ellis Somes, gent.
 June 5. Ralfe Crub, and
 Elizabeth, his wiffe.
 July 16. Henry ffeilding.
 Aug. 14. Alice ffeilding, w.

* Perhaps Yeoman.

- Sep. 27. Christo. Vallentine.
 Decr. 17. S^r. Henry Rooe, Knight, sometye Lord Mayor.
 Dec. The Lady Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Oxford, was buried the 3.
 1613.—April 21. Eliza Cheney, wid.
 July 30. Arther Cocket, get.
 Aug. 21. Thos. Cawdle.
 Sept. 26. Richard Halleley.
 Feb. 24. Dorithy Harbert (Herbert probably).
 1615.—June 13. Edw. Worthington.
 Aug. 1. Mr. Whitmore's mayde.
 Sep. 21. Thos. Leucknor, gent.
 27. Tho. Rebellow, Jan.
 13. Eliza Downing.
 May 16. Henry Thursby.

(The Inscription in Robinson's 'History of Hackney' gives the day of Thoresby's death as 11th May, 1615. He was ancestor of Thoresby the Antiquarian.)

- July 11. Thomas Allin.
 1616.—Mar. 28. Jerome Bowes, Knight.
 Aprill 15. Thos. Lukenor, gent.
 June 27. Sabian Catcher.
 June 16. Richard Swinnerton, Batcher of Art.
 Aug. 18. Jane Thursby, gent.

(This date agrees with Robinson's. Thoresby's daughter was wife of Sir Thomas Hardres.)

- Sep. 4. ffrancis Malkin.
 14. John Townley, Esq.

(Qy., was this Townley of Townley in Lancashire?)

- Jan. 14. Margret Audley, a worthy, good Benefactor. (She left £20 p ann. to the Free School.)
 1617.—July 5. hellen Halleley.

- Aug. 18. Gresham Huggin.
 Feb. 25. Lucy lodg, fillia.
 1618.—Aug. 21. Kathern Goring, ux George, Esq.
 Jan 21. Hugh Johnson.
 Vicar of Hackney.

(Date indistinct. Robinson says Jan. 16, aged 72.)

- 1619.—May. Thos. Key.
 Nov. Eliza Haynes, fillia Henry.
 1620.—April 29. John Shelly, monier.
 Oct. 26. Francis Cullabell.
 Decr. 11. Rich. Chaworth.
 Jan. 25. Thos. Roe, gent.
 Mar. 1. John Key, gent.
 1622.—Aug. 2. Will. Brokenberg.
 14. John Nevit, gent.
 Nov. 10. Will. Clark, gard.
 Decr. 4. Francis Bird, g^t.
 1623.—Aprill 29. Elizabeth Haynes, wi. Henry, g^t.
 June 16. Mrs. Foulk, gent.
 Oct. 7. George Medlicot.
 Mar. 2. John Hills, drowned.
 1624.—May 4. Sr. John Keyer (or Keyes), Knt.
 June 24. John Roe, gent.
 Sept. 11. Mrs. Joane Thursby.
 1625.—August. Bartholo. Smith.
 Rich. Cheny, gent.
 Date indistinct. ould Goodman Hall.
 Mrs. Gleg.
 John Dupper, Smith.
 Mrs. Duquester.
 Mrs. Courselles.
 Susan Halleley.
 Good wiffe Dupper.
 Christophorus Lanman, gent.
 Mr. Foulkes, gent.

- James Bryerly, gent.
Margret Grudgfeild.
- 1625.—Oct. 11. Mrs. Crouch and her child.
- 1626.—Sept. 21. Theophila Hewet, gent.
Decr. Will. Clarke, an innocent.
March 1. Mrs. Margret Haynes, vvy., Benedick.
- 1627.—July 10. Andrew Anthony, who was murdered
behind the baumes (Whitmore's seat.)
- 1627.—Oct. 15. Lady Trever.
(Robinson says buried the 6th, before the preacher's pew.)
- Nov. 10. Mrs. Brooksbank.
- 1630.—Aug. 5. Augustine Roe.
- 1632.—April 13. The Lady Keies.
June 17. Edw. Calvin.
Aug. 18. Will. Cheyney.
Nov. 17. Thomas Haukes.
Feb. 18. Gyles Debut.
- 1633.—Oct. 10. John Humfries, ge.
Nov. 29. David Dolben, bishop of Bangor.
- 1633-4.—Jan. 14. Lady Bulstrode.
16. Anne Preswick, vy.
- 1634.—April 21. Rich. Haynes, g^t.
Aug. 15. Francis, Countess of Warwick.
Sept. 29. John Roe, a child.
Sparkes, still borne.
Octo. 2. John Collier, sudden.
Anne Du Butt.
Feb. 13. A still born child.
Mar. 1. Sara Roe.
3. Robart Woodcock.
- 1635.—May 15. Mary Barnum.
20. Margret Huntly.
Decem. 6. Nicholas Haleley.
- 1636.—April 16. Lady Chancell.
May 4. Mathew de questor : ge^t.*

* See Note.

- Feb. 4. Josias Cullambell.
 1637.—June 17. Phœbe South.
- Avis Candish was buried the 28th of
 February, but was forgotten to be put
 there.
- Aprill 25. William Toanes, who was drowned.
 May 22. Rich. Middleton. H.
 Jany. Margret Calvery, who hanged herself,
 being distracted.
- 1638.—Sept. 18. Alden's mayde.
 1639.—
 Jan. 31. Tho. Salmon. Jo.
 Feb. Will. Veale, silk we (weaver).
 Mar. 24. Sara Roo (or Roe).
 Aug. 21. Francis Shelly.
- 1640.—Jany. 30. The Lady Throgmorton.
 Feby. 17. Mrs. Constance Askwith.
- 1642.—Aug. 5. Elizab. Brooke.
 9. Andrew Gallant.
 Decr. 26. John Row.
 Feb. 16. Elizab. St. Johns.
 25. Richard Barracl.
- 1643.—Oct. 14. Ralph Gallant.
 Nov. 1. Ralph Gallant. (Query duplicate?)
- 1649.—August 22. Elizab. Littelpaye.
 Decr. 19. Stephen Sedgwick.
- 1650.—Sep. 25. Dorothy Roe.
 Octo. 21. John Toplife.
 26. Rich. Perwich.
 Decem. 16. Cicillia Rowe.
 26. La. Elinor Power.
- 1651.—June 28. Will. Pepiat.
 1652.—March 9. Rebecka Pepiatt.

AMONG THE WEDDINGS.

1650.—Sept. 11. To. (or Co^l.) the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Bulstrode, Lord Whitelock, To Mrs. Mary Wilson. (Robinson says Lady Mary Wilson.)

May 8. Theophilus Heart & Rachel Triplet.

At the end, or nearly so, is the following :

Wee, the youths of the parish of St. John of Jerusalem, whose names are hereunder written, doe willingly subscribe to the orders following, viz. : that we shalbe Redy at an hower's warning for any buriall or mariage ; and whosoever shall sweare any oath in the Church or belfree : shall pay one peny to the poore : and that no man shall be over sene (or ever sene) in drinke at any meeting : In witness whereof we have hereunder put our hands this 21th of September, 1635. Here follow the signatures.

Whosoever shall ffaile to com upon lawfull warning shall pay *iiij*d. to the stock, to be payd unto Humphry Wise, who is made tresurer by Consent ; and whosoever shall be dronck or wrangle shall pay *iiij*d. to the Stocke.

God bee thanked : the King preserved : and our lives amended.

(Notice the name of the parish, St. John of Jerusalem.)
A number of texts are then entered in a neat hand.



NOTES.

Page 7.

Mr. Pinder is mentioned as holding 15 acres in Bishopsgate Street. He may have been the father of Sir Paul Pindar, a part of whose house still remains. The Rev. Thomas Hugo has, in his monograph on Bishopsgate, given some illustrations of the interior of the Sir Paul Pindar. The carved front of this house is still very attractive to the passenger through Bishopsgate.

Page 9.—JOHN CATCHER.

From the 'Visitation of London.'

Vintry Ward, May 5, 1634.

Octavo die Julii Anno Domini 1634.

Bee it known unto all men by these presents that I, John Catcher, of Binfield, in the County Berks, Knight, do acknowledge and confess myself to come of a younger brother, and that Richard Catcher, Dr. of Phisick, and one of the Colledge of Physicians in London, cometh of the elder brother, wherefore I am content to beare my coate with a distinction.

JOHN CATCHER.

I, Thomas Catcher, sonn and heyre of the above-named Sr. John Catcher, acknowledge the like.

THOS CATCHER.

Upon an auntient monument in Hackney Church, whereon are the pictures of a man and a woman, in brass, with 12 children, vid., 5 sonnes and 7 daughters, with this inscription, soe worne as it can hardly be read :

Hic jacet Joh'is Cacher Katina et Agnes uxor' eius qui quidam Joh'is objit ix. die mensis Maij, Ao. Dni. Millesimo cccclxxxiiij. Amen.

John Cacher died the 9th Maij, 1484=Agnes.

Thomas Catcher, Marchant of the Staple, =Matil, da. of Wm. and Katherine
in the Towne of Callis. | Toppesfield.

Thos. Catcher, of Hackney, Co. Middlesex.
Wife's name not given.

Thos. Catcher, of Hackney, died in=Sabina, da. of Francis Eastfield, of Tottenham, apparently son of the Walthamstow foregoing.

Their son, Richard Catcher, of London, = Elizabeth, da. & coheir of Thos. God-Doctor in Phisick, living Ao. 1634. | man, of Letherhed, Co. Surrey.
Thos. Catcher, eldest son.
(Signed) RICHARD CATCHER.

The compiler has not been able to find any fragment of the ancient monument alluded to, and thinks it has disappeared, no doubt in one of the numerous repairs of the old Church.

ARMS OF CATCHER.—Per fesse sa. and gu., an eagle disp. erm., ducally gorged or. CREST.—Out of a ducal coronet, pr.; a demi leopard ar., collared and lined or.

Page 13.—HENRY THORESBY.

The fragments of Thoresby's monument have been removed to the north vestibule of the new Church. It is too much damaged for restoration, and the coats of arms, which so much delighted his relative the antiquary, have disappeared.

Page 15.—DE QUESTER.

ARMS.—1st and 4th chevron or, on az. field, between 2 mullets and martlet. 2nd and 3rd, 3 chess rooks on az. field.

Mathew de Quester, of Bruges, in Flanders.

Mathew De Quester, of London (apparently his son), married Cornelia, da. of Jose Van Reebeke, of Bruges.

Mathew de Quester, of London (apparently their son), Esq. Extraordinary for the body of King Charles, (died?) aged 74, in 1633.

Josse De Quester, of London, gent, living 1633 (his brother?).

(Signed) MATHE. DE QUESTER.

Page 19.—PEDIGREE OF RICHARD HALLILEY.

John Latham, of Latham = Lucy, da. & heire of Leonard, second sonne of Xpofer., Lord Conyers.

Richd. Halleley, of Hackney, in Coun. Middlesex. = Margaret, da. of John Latham & Lucy, his wife, heire of Conyers.

Walter Halleley, of Hackney, 1st sonne. Christopher Hal- = Eliza, da. of Richard Edwards, of Henlow, in Co. Bedford. lley, 2nd sonne.

1 Rich. Halleley, of = Margaret, da. of London, now Godfrey Hurst, living, 1634. of London.

(Signed) RICHD. HALLELEY.

ARMS.—Az., a chev. flory, counterflory, ar., between 3 Martlets, or (Burke adds to the above a lily, gu., stalked and leaved, vert. CREST.—An arm, coupéd, vested, az., the shirt apparent, holding in the hand a flagon, gold. Granted by Hawley, Clarencieux, 15 March, 5 Edwd. VI.)

(This probably a fuller account of the same arms as in the Visitation.)

The Richard Halliley who married Margaret Lathom died in 1605, as appears by his tablet, re-erected in the north vestibule of Hackney Church by the compiler.

Page 22.—RAPHE BELL.

Raphe Bell appears to have held some parish offices, among them that of Constable, and he is mentioned in the Daniell Letters. (See Appendix.)

Page 25.—THE HALF MOON.

'Tell me, but what's the natural cause,
Why on a sign no painter draws
The full moon ever, but the half?'—*Hudibras.*
Since the Half Moon is so unkind,
To make me go about,
The Sun my money now shall have,
And the Moon shall go without.

Ben Jonson, when he found the Half Moon shut.

Page 25.—THE THREE NUNS.

Nuns also figured on the signboard, as the Three Nuns, which was constantly used by drapers, as nuns were expert in lace embroidery and fancy work. In the seventeenth century, the Three Nuns was the sign of a well-known coaching and carriers' inn in Aldgate. The sign supposed after the Reformation to be occasionally altered to the Three Widows. ('History of Signboards.')

The Three Nuns Inn, near St. Botolph's, is mentioned in Defoe's 'History of the Plague.' It takes its name of the Nuns of the Minorite Convent, which gave its name to the opposite street of the Minorities. ('Walks in London,' Hare.)

Page 26.—THE GREEN DRAGON.

The Green Dragon was of very frequent occurrence on the signboards. The well-known Green Dragon in Bishopsgate Street was for nearly two centuries one of the most famous coach and carriers' inns. ('History of Signboards.')

Page 27.—THE SWAN WITH TWO NECKS.

Some have thought this sign should be read the Swan with Two Nicks. But in the Hackney Book it is clearly to be read necks. Machyn, in his Diary, mentions the sign of 'The Swane with the ij nekes at Mylke Street end' in 1536.

Page 27.—THE AXE IN ALDERMANBURY.

The Axe is a very old sign; it was a well-known carriers' inn in Aldermanbury in the seventeenth century, and was one of the places visited in 1634 by that thirsty tourist, drunken Barnaby. From this inn the first regular line of stage waggons from London to Liverpool was established towards the middle of the seventeenth century. There were constantly some of them on the road, for they left every Monday and Thursday, and it took them ten days in summer, and as many as twelve in winter, to perform the journey.

Page 29.—THE DOLPHIN IN BISHOPSGATE.

Moser, in his 'Vestiges Revived,' mentions this same inn as the Dolphin, or rather Dauphin inn, and says that it was adorned with *fleur de lys*, cognisances, and dolphins, and was reported to have been the residence of one of the Dauphins of France, probably Louis, the son of Philip August, who in 1216 came to England to contest the sceptre with King John. The house was still in existence at the end of the seventeenth century, when it was a famous coaching inn. Perhaps it was to this tavern that Pepys and his company adjourned on 27th March, 1661, when he sang, and fiddled, and at last actually danced for the first time in his life. In 1513, Mary Ricroft gave this house and appurtenances to certain persons, with condition that they paid 40s. to find a student of divinity in the university for ever. (See 'History of Sign Boards.')

Page 31.—SCOURING THE PARISH ARMOUR.

It appears that every parish was obliged to keep a certain proportion of armour according to its size, which was exhibited once a year before the justices.

In villages the armour was kept in the church, and was called the church armour and harness, as in the following and other entries in the churchwardens' account at Lambeth, 1586: 'For skouring the church harness and carriage to and fro, and a man to wear it before the justices, 3s. 8d.' The armour in this county (Surrey) was shown sometimes at Kingston, sometimes at Mitcham, Newington, Ryegate, and other places. (Lysons' 'Environs.')

Lambeth, 1588.—Churchwarden's Account:—'To two men for bringing the church armour after breaking up of the camp, 1s. 2d.' (Query camp at Tilbury.)

Page 34.—COLLECTIONS ON BRIEFS.

'Sunday was here'—Kingston-upon-Thames—'two women, mother and daughter, owte of Ireland, to gather upon the dethe of her husband, who was slayne by the Wild Iryshe, he being captain of the gally-glasses.' Others came in consequence of various distresses, by license of the Earl of Bedford, the Bishop of Winchester, the Lord Admiral, the Lord Scrope of Bolton, etc., etc.

These begging licenses were then very frequent, and the privilege of granting them appears to have been considerably extensive, but they were generally confined to certain districts. In Archbishop Grindall's registers are several granted by his commissary, Doctor Aubrey, some of which are limited to peculiars of the Dean of the Arches. Among these is one to Margaret Crayle, the widow of a preacher; and another to William Blackwell, who had a large family of children, one of whom was a student at the University of Cambridge. There was formerly an office for granting protections to poor people who should go about and collect alms, which in 1592 was held by Matthew Stuart. These licenses still exist (1796), and are generally called briefs; but they have undergone some regulations, being never granted but by the Crown, and for losses of a considerable amount; the money is not collected by the sufferers in person, but by the officers of each respective parish. (Lysons' 'Environs.')

Page 37.—ARMS OF ALDERSEY OF CHESHIRE.

Gules, on a bend between two cinque foils, or, three leopards' faces, az.

Page 58.—DATE OF FAST.

In the extract from the account book the amount is given as £16 2s. 0³/₄d., at page 155 as £15 16s. In the account book the date is given as 1757, Feb. 11. As there was evidently a fast on account of the Lisbon earthquake about 11 Feb., 1756, perhaps the date at page 58 should be 1756. It seems hardly likely that the fast was repeated the following year. Walpole writes, Jan. 22, 1756: 'We were to have had a masquerade to-night, but the Bishops, who you know have always persisted in God's hating dominos, have made an earthquake point of it, and postponed it till after the fast.'

On Feb. 12 he writes: 'Between the French and the Earthquakes, you have no notion how good we are grown; nobody makes a suit of clothes now but of sackcloth turned up with ashes. The fast was kept so devoutly that Dick Edgcombe, finding a very lean hazard at White's, said with a sigh, "How the times are degenerated. Formerly a fast would have brought everybody hither; now it keeps everybody away!" A few nights before, two men walking up the Strand, one said to the other, "Look how red the sky is! well, thank God, there is to be no masquerade."

Page 64.—COLONEL OWEN ROWE.

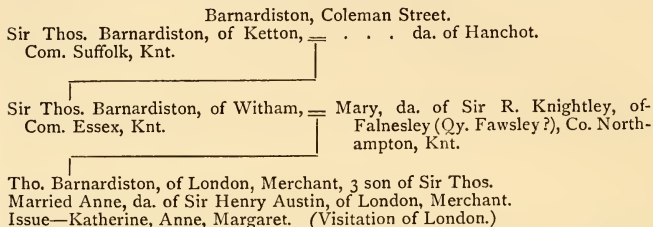
Colonel Rowe signs the Vestry minutes in a fine bold hand. 'His body was brought from the Tower of London, and buried in the Church the 27 of December, 1661. Owen Rowe was, by Cromwell's interest, made a colonel of the London Militia. He sat in judgment on Charles I., and signed the warrant for his execution. After the Restoration he was brought to trial, with the other regicides, and found guilty; but in consideration of his having surrendered himself on the first coming out of the proclamation, his sentence was mitigated to perpetual imprisonment. Rowe's name appears frequently in the parish register at Hackney as having solemnized marriages there during the Interregnum.' (Lysons.) Mark Noble says, in his 'Lives of the Regicides': 'Owen Rowe, Esq., was a younger brother, descended from Sir Thos. Rowe, Knt., Lord Mayor of London in 1568. He was a native of Kent; but the head of the family resided at Hackney, in Middlesex. This man was sent to London, and put to the trade of a silk mercer; but at the beginning of the unnatural war he turned his mind more to politics than his calling. He went into the Parliament army, and became a colonel.' 'He had a country house at Hackney. Having made a humble submission at his trial, the Council said, "We accept his confession, and do hope he is penitent before God, as well as before the world." He appears to have married the daughter of Thomas Scot, also a regicide.

Page 65.—SIR THOS. PLAYER, KNT.

'The Lady Rebecca Player was buried the 4th of October, 1667; Sir Thos. Player, Chamberlain of London, the 9th of December, 1672; Sir Thos. Player, Jan. 20, 1685-6; the Lady Joyce Player, Decr. 8, 1686.' (Lysons.) Sir Thomas Player is buried in the Chancel of the Old Church, where the stone may still be seen. He was the 'Railing Rabshakeh' of Dryden's 'Hind and Panther.' On the 29th October, 1675, when Sir Robert Vyner entered into his mayoralty, his Majesty honoured the Corporation with his company at Guildhall, and accepted the freedom of the City, in the Chamberlain's office, from the hands of Sir Thomas Player, then Chamberlain. From this it would appear that he succeeded his father as Chamberlain, unless there is some mistake in the dates.

Page 65.—BARNARDISTON.

We suppose Lysons alludes to his father in the following: 'Sr. Nathaniel Barnardiston, Knt., departed this life the 25 day of July, and was carried to be buried at Kitton, in Suffolk, August 22, 1653. Sir Nathaniel Barnardiston represented the County of Suffolk in several Parliaments.' 'His corpse was met on the road to Suffolk by 200 persons, and his funeral, which was celebrated at Kitton on the 26th of August, is said to have been attended by many thousands.' The following is a fragment of the pedigree:



ARMS.—Az. a fess dancettée, erm., between 6 crosses, crosslet, ar. CREST.—An Ass's head, ar. (Burke.)

Knightley* (Fawsley, Co. Northampton, Bt.)—Quarterly, 1st and 4th erm.; 2nd, 3rd, paly of six, or. and gu. CREST.—A buck's head coupéd, ar., attired, or. SUPPORTERS.—Two falcons ppr. MOTTO.—'Invita Fortuna.'

Page 66.—JOSIAH RICOFT.

Perhaps of the same family as the lady who gave the Dolphin Inn to found a Scholarship.

Page 68.—MR. JAMESON.

The Earls of Cleveland held estates at Hackney, and the Earl of Cleveland and the Lord Wentworth (his son) petitioned the King (Charles II.) for examination into the title to the advowson of Hackney, which their ancestors had held for 100 years. Mr. Jameson, to whom they gave it on the death of Dr. Moore, had obtained his Majesty's presentation, which they wished recalled. The Attorney-General reported in favour of the petitioner's right to the advowson 1664, July 14. In consequence there was a warrant issued for the revocation of the presentation to Mr. Jameson (the original one being deemed sufficient).

(We have heard that a Duke of Cleveland, dining at Mr. Norris's house in Grove Street, stated that the house had been built by one of his ancestors.)

Page 73.—DISBROWE OR DESBOROUGH.

That there was some connexion between Desborough's family and Hackney appears from the following extract from Lysons, in article Hackney: 'Matthew,

* The family of Knightley was very ancient and honourable: Lucy Knightley had a pew in old Hackney Church. See Noble's Cromwell Family for pedigree of the Knightleys, which mentions Lucy Knightley, of London and Hackney, merchant (vol. ii., page 97).

son and heir of Sr. Matthew Holworthy, Knt., by the Lady Susan, his wife, was baptized March 27, 1674. Sir Matthew Holworthy was buried the 23 of Oct., 1678. The Lady Susanna Holworthy, May 21, 1690. Sir Matthew Holworthy was of Palsgrave, in Norfolk; his son Matthew married Eliza, daughter of Dr. James Desborough, a descendant of Cromwell. Several others of the family were baptized and buried at Hackney.'

John Disborough, Esq., was originally a very private gentleman, but having married Cromwell's sister, he rose rapidly in the army. He became one of Cromwell's peers. Sir Walter Scott mentions him as a commissioner at Woodstock, we do not know on what authority; but he seems to have distinguished himself in some action at Woodstock in the Civil War. Notwithstanding he was not mentioned in the clause of pains and penalties extending either to life or property, yet he was so dangerous a character that it was with difficulty he could be preserved, and during the remainder of a long life he was always watched with peculiar jealousy. It appears probable that he lived quietly at Hackney. He employed himself before the Civil War in agriculture, which led to the stanza of a song—

'Janizary Desborough then looked pale,
For, said he, if the Rump prevail,
'Twill blow me back to my plow tail,
Which nobody can deny.'

He seems to have been bred an attorney, and combined therewith the cultivation of an estate of £70 per annum, bequeathed to him by his father. At the age of 28 he married Jane, the daughter of Rob. Cromwell, and sister to Oliver Cromwell; the Parliament was so pleased with his gallantry at Woodstock, that they gave him £100 and the thanks of the House. Mark Noble says that it is probable that he survived the revolution of 1688. It therefore appears to us to be likely that he was the Col. Desborough mentioned in the Hackney Minutes. By his first wife, Cromwell's sister, he had seven sons and one daughter. Some relics of the Disbrowes seem to have been preserved in 1786 at Elsworth, where the Holworthys appear to have resided in the eighteenth century. Besides the alliance of Matthew with Eliza Disbrowe, one of the Heathcote family, who took the name of Holworthy, appears to have married the daughter of Mr. Disbrowe, surgeon, of Huntingdon. There was there (at Elsworth) in 1786, Desborough (the Major-General's) travelling chests and two large chests which Charles I. brought out of Spain. A brother of Desborough was appointed by Cromwell Keeper of the Great Seal in Scotland. The quiet after-life of the ambitious Desborough must have been a curious contrast to his early years. The name seems to be spelt at pleasure Disbrowe or Desborough.

Extract from Sir Walter Scott's 'Woodstock':—Col. Everard visits the three commissioners at Woodstock, and hears the following fragment of what Desborough was saying in his coarse, strong voice: "Sent him to share with us, I'se warrant ye. It was always his excellency my brother-in-law's way, if he made a treat for five friends, he would invite more than the table could hold. I have known him ask three men to eat two eggs." Desborough was a stout, bull-necked man, of middle size, with heavy vulgar features, grizzled, bushy eyebrows, and wall-eyes. The flourish of his powerful relative's fortunes had burst forth in the finery of his dress, which was much more ornamental than was usual among the Roundheads. There was embroidery on his cloak, and lace upon his band; his hat displayed a feather with

a golden clasp, and all his habiliments were those of a Cavalier, or follower of the Court, rather than the plain dress of a Parliamentary officer. But, Heaven knows! there was little of Court-like grace or dignity in the person or demeanour of the individual, who became his fine suit as the hog on the sign-post does his gilded armour. It was not that he was positively deformed or misshaped, for taken in detail the figure was well enough. But his limbs seemed to act upon different and contradictory principles. They were not, as the play says, in a concatenation accordingly; * the right hand moved as if it were on bad terms with the left, and the legs showed an inclination to foot it in different and opposite directions.'

Page 80.—SIR HUGH MYDDLETON.

Sir Hugh Middleton, of Hackney, grandson of Sir Hugh, projector of the New River, was created a baronet in 1681.

Page 100.—JOHN READING.

There were two organists of this name.

The favourite song of 'Dulce Domum' is attributed to John Reading, who was organist of Winchester College and of Winchester Cathedral—of the College from 1681 to 1689, and probably till 1695, in which year he is said to have died. The following extract is from Chappell's 'Popular Music of England in the Olden Time': 'The rolls of Winchester College give the date of Reading's appointment. These rolls are lists of the officers, prepared yearly. Those between 1680 and 1697 are missing, but in the latter year Bishop was organist. This John Reading has sometimes been confounded with a later writer of the same name, who was organist of St. John's, Hackney. Both composed anthems, but the "Biographical Dictionary of Musicians" is incorrect as to date, when it states that the latter "published a collection of anthems of his own composition towards the end of the seventeenth century."

'The second John Reading's "first essays" were "A Book of New Songs," which must have been printed after 1708, because he describes himself on the title-page as having been "educated in the Chapel Royal, under the late Dr. John Blow," and Dr. Blow died in that year. Reading composed the well-known "Adeste, fideles," commonly called "The Portuguese Hymn." The accident by which it acquired the latter name is thus related in Novello's "Home Music": The Duke of Leeds, who was a director of the Ancient Concerts about 1785, heard the hymn performed for the first time at the Portuguese Ambassador's chapel in South Street, Park Lane, and he, supposing it to be peculiar to the service in Portugal, introduced it at the Ancient Concerts, giving it that title' (page 577, note).

Page 102.—'THE FLYING HORSE.'

This house of entertainment is still in existence at the corner of Exmouth Place.

The author of the 'History of Signboards' gives us a possible origin of this sign. It was the name of a popular amusement, which consisted in a swing, the seat of which formed a wooden horse. This the flying equestrian mounted, and as he was swinging to and fro he had to take with a sword the ring off a

* From Goldsmith's comedy.

quintain. If he succeeded, his adroitness was no doubt rewarded either with a number of swings gratis or a quatum of beer.

Such a Flying Horse served for a sign to an alehouse of that denomination in Moorfields in the time of Queen Anne. Swings, roundabouts, and such-like amusements, were in those days the usual appendages of suburban alehouses, and to a certain extent have even come down to our time (page 365).

Page 106.—MAT. HOLWORTHY.

See note on Desborough.

Page 120.—THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON.

Probably the same house as that bearing the sign of The Cat and Mutton, or The Cat and the Shoulder of Mutton, at the town end of London Field, Hackney.

Page 138.—NEWCOME'S SCHOOL.

Hackney School flourished for a century or more upon the spot in Lower Clapton, where the London Orphan Asylum was afterwards built (since removed to Watford). From a print it appears to have been a large plain double-house, the windows separated by shallow pilasters, about twenty-two windows in front, including attics, and having a wing or annexe of timber containing about twelve more windows in front. Henry Newcome, son of the Vicar, Peter Newcome, having married the daughter of Benjamin Morland (Anno 1714), succeeded his father-in-law in the care of the school which is now (Lysons wrote in 1795) superintended by his grandson, Mr. Richard Newcome. It has been particularly celebrated for the excellence of the dramatic performances (Lysons writes) exhibited every third year by the scholars. "In these dramas Dr. Benjamin Hoadley, author of the "Suspicious Husband," and his brother Dr. John Hoadley, a dramatic writer also, who were both educated at the school, formerly distinguished themselves, particularly the latter, who acquired great credit in the character of Phocyas in the "Siege of Damascus." (see Lysons' 'Environs,' vol. ii. p. 477.)

Page 182.—SIR JOHN FIELDING.

Lysons, however, states that Sir John Fielding, so well known for his activity as a magistrate, while he presided over the Police-office in Bow Street, succeeded his *half-brother*, the celebrated Henry Fielding, in that department in 1754. ('Environs,' vol. ii. p. 141.)

JUSTICE FIELDING.—Sir John Fielding, half-brother of the famous Henry, and, like him, a humane and wise magistrate, seeking to lessen crime by other means than punishment. He succeeded Henry as Justice of the Peace for Westminster. Though blind from his birth, he wrote several pamphlets; he tried to induce Garrick not to have the 'Beggar's Opera' acted, for the same reasons that led the Lord Chamberlain to forbid 'Jack Sheppard' in our own time. He died at Brompton, in the same year (1780) that his house in Bow Street was pulled down and his goods burned in the street by a rabble which thus showed its true spirit. (Note to 'Evelina,' ed. 1881.)



Appendix.

LETTERS FROM URSWICK.*

29 Dec., 1520.

Christopher Urswik to Earl of Shrewsbury.

FINDS divers things to his comfort in the Earl's letters received this St. Thomas's Day by the bearer; first for the gentleman of the north country that hath been with you, and the cause of his coming, and the likelihood of the good success thereof. Holds as good an opinion as ever of 'our old matter,' considering the nature of the party, if it be wisely handled. Sees no way but by the man mentioned by his lordship, who must be won by the same means as all his profession. It had better be broken to him by the Earl than by my Lady. Begs him to pardon this letter, 'how as ever it is written, for peradventure my mind is not so stable as it hath been now after my great sickness. I thought myself within this fourteen days as near my death as ever I did sith I had knowledge or remembrance, but by the help of God and good Master Frawnces, I am past all danger.'

'Hackney, St. Thomas's day.'

* The Rector of Hackney, who was instrumental in bringing about the union of the Red and White Roses.

A Letter from Christopher Urswick, Rector, to Thomas Goldstone, prior of Christ Church, Canterbury; written in Latin, and translated by the Rev. W. Urwick. It bears no date.

‘Christopher Urswick, Rector, to the Reverend father in Christ, Sir Thomas Goldstone, Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, sendeth greeting.

‘Behold herewith, most religious sir, you have the letter of Celsus Veronensis to the Venetians, dissuading them by many arguments and examples against the usurpation of ecclesiastical property. I am not at all surprised that you have strongly desired to obtain a copy of it. For while it states with the greatest clearness and copiousness whatever can be said on the subject by the most learned, or reasoned by the most acute, you on your part fill the second post of honour in that very Church wherein the pontiff the divine Thomas preferred to lay down his life rather than survive ecclesiastical liberty. From this letter, as from a fountain, you may draw abundant material for argument, as often as you meet with the opponents of ecclesiastical liberty, who indeed (it is to be lamented) are very many everywhere. Moreover, by a certain alternation or vicissitude (as I think) of the times, it has come to pass, that whereas formerly the Christian name was diffused far and wide throughout the world, it is now confined within narrow limits, and covers only the smallest tracts; so that even in those provinces which still retain the Christian name all is degenerating, and reverence for sacerdotal dignity is far less than it was with our ancestors, a fact which you may easily detect if you compare the men of our age with their predecessors. To wit, they so venerated the priesthood, that many of them while living dedicated a large portion of their patrimony to the priesthood and priestly offices, and when dying wished to leave no other heirs than churches. How many temples everywhere in the world were built by men of past generations in honour

of God, how many sacred edifices may you see in every country endowed by them with most abundant possessions, the clearest sign surely of august and ancient piety. But in our age we have sunk so low, that not only do churches no longer expect that anything shall be given to them, but they consider it is very well indeed if nothing be taken away from them, so that instead of the old liberality, we have, on the part of most, detestable rapacity—nay, rather, sacrilege. And yet they who dare to do such things contend that they are acting rightly; and straightway have on their lips the corrupt morals of the clergy, and their open vices, as if the restraining of these belonged to them. Thus they demand of us the ancient integrity of life, the ancient sanctity of manners. But consider whether at the same time we should not far more fairly demand from them a just judgment concerning us. Consider, I ask you, if anyone, on account of the wickedness of this or that citizen, were to condemn as infamous the whole state, governed by the most equitable institutions, would he be thought a fair judge? Yet this is just what these persons now are doing; for discovering the crimes of a few, they forthwith denounce the entire flock of clergy to be flagitious; thus showing their ignorance of human life and society, wherein no multitude or class is without a criminal. How much fairer were their predecessors! For if any one contend that there were no vicious clergy in that age, he may easily be convinced by the decrees of the Holy Father, most severely coercing the vices of the clergy. But our ancestors did not think that all the clergy were therefore to be held in hatred, nor that the residue of good clergy were to be had in less esteem or to be supported with less liberality. Now, indeed, if you inveigh more vehemently against the vices of men, the one cry of all, the one reply is, that the clergy do the same! With this as their defence, they think themselves secure; as if, forsooth, the worst things were not to be condemned, but rather to be imitated. Satisfied with

this mention of the crimes of others, they neither amend themselves nor desist from speaking and thinking evil of all clerics on account of the sins of some. Yet this we might bear with equanimity, provided they dared nothing more criminal. But whatever is dedicated to God they esteem profane, and attempt to seize and to keep it as a thing taken from enemies in just war. Do men of this stamp, I ask, escape the guilt of sacrilege? Take and keep, therefore, my dear Thomas, as a shield against them, this letter of the most religious Celsus, long asked for by you from me, and now at length transcribed, in which surely it is difficult to say whether the style excels the matter, or the matter the style. And as it has greatly pleased two most learned men of our age, Hermolaus Barbarus and Domitius Veronensis, I have thought that their letters, in which they introduce it with extraordinary praise, should be annexed, that you may the better test your own judgment, and may be stirred more eagerly to its perusal. Farewell.

The Rev^d. W^m. Urswick supplements the foregoing translation with the following remarks :

‘Thomas Goldstone was a man of great learning, and much in favour with King Henry VII., who sent him as Ambassador to the French King ; but his memory is still more lasting for the new buildings and other reparations which he made in and about this church (viz., Canterbury Cathedral). He was prior from 1494 to 1517. The M.S. in the British Museum seems to be the very copy which Urswick sent. It contains immediately before this letter of Urswick’s, the letter or treatise of Maffaeus Celsus Veronensis, thus entitled :

“Celsi Veronensis Canonici regularis Lateranensis congregationis Dissuasoria re Christiani principes ecclesiasticos usurpant census ; ad inclytum Venetorum senatum, 1471.”

‘And before this again in the same volume are the letters commendatory which Urswick names.’

‘There is in the British Museum library a copy of this work of Maffaeus Celsus Veronensis in print but unpagged; and the initial letters unsupplied, indicating secrecy of printing and probably suppression by the English authorities.’

‘The document is very interesting, as bearing upon the times when the storm was brewing which at length broke in all its fury over England in the dissolution of the Monasteries, and the conduct of King Henry VIII. is clearly pointed at.’



THE DANIELL MYSTERY.

JANE DANIEL or Daniell seems to have been in an important and confidential situation with the Countess of Essex, as appears by the following :

May 2, 1596.

Release by Frances Countess of Essex to her servant Jane Daniel, as well of the sum of £8,000 contained in her Books of Account, as also of all other moneys, actions, debts, duties and demands whatsoever to this date.

1601, August 23.

Weekly accounts by Ralph Bell, of Hackney, of his receipts and payments at the parsonage there, as also of farm and other produce belonging to John Daniel, sold by him by order of the Lord Treasurer and Mess^{rs}. Vaughan, Smythe, Swayne and Shephard, H. M. Commissioners, from 29 June to 29 August, 1601.

(Raphe Bell, as he spells his name, was Surveyor of the Highways in 1601, and Constable in 1604.)

1601 (?) June. Statement by G. Lisle.

Not long after the Earl of Essex was committed to the custody of the Lord Keeper, the Countess, his wife, delivered a Casket of letters to John Daniell's wife, who had

served her as a gentlewoman : two or three months after, the Countess sent for the Casket, and upon opening it found most of the letters missing, whereupon she sent for Mrs. Daniell, who with her husband utterly denied that she knew what was become of them, Daniel sometimes saying that he suspected a maid that his wife had lately put away, and that he would find her and have her examined. At last he wrote to the Countess stating that he had certain letters of hers that it behoved her to be careful of, and that if she would consider his necessities they should be restored. Was (Lisle was) sent several times to intreat him to restore them, with general promises of relief, but he would not part with them, and demanded £3,000, which her ladyship herself, unable to make, yet jealous lest her husband should know that she had lost his letters, although she protests there was nothing in them that might touch him even in the worst construction, she would take no rest until she had redeemed them, and therefore resolved to sell her jewels rather than leave them in so dishonest a man's hands. She thus made up £1,720 and sent it to him, when the letters were restored, he taking an oath that he delivered all he had, and that no man had seen them. Some two months after, one Ferryman came to my lady and told her that Daniell had been divers times with one Bales, a scrivener, and he doubted with some ill intent to my lord of Essex, though he called himself his man ; and subsequently Ferryman brought Bales to my lady with a declaration in writing of Daniell's proceedings, which he subscribed in presence of Ferryman and this deponent.

Declaration by Peter Bales, of London.

I received divers letters from John Daniell when prisoner in the Gate house, charging me to manifest my dealing with him in the late Earl of Essex letters. Daniel came to me in Lent, 1599, and for three weeks afterwards, to read and write letters from the Earl to his lady ; as I

could not read them perfectly, I endeavoured first to conceive them myself, and then taught Daniell to read them so well that he dictated while I copied. I did not imitate them, but copied them at 12^d. each. I meant to charge a Constable if I found treason in them. I suspected it from one sentence in a letter written the August before he left Ireland. 'The Queen's commandment may break my neck, but my enemies at home shall never break my heart.' I wrote about a dozen copies of that letter, as it contained more matter than the rest, but I did not insert any words prejudicial to the Earl or Countess other than I found. Daniell said the Countess had ordered him to have the frequent copies made that he might better gull somebody. Being perplexed with these words and that he did not return, I went to the Countess three times before she would be satisfied. At last at her request I wrote in April, 1600, a declaration fit for her purpose, and subscribed by myself, Peter Ferryman, of London, and Mr. Lyle, her secretary. The Countess promised me good recompense when her lord was received into the Queen's favour. I hoped the Earl would obtain me an office before promised touching Her Majesty's bills to be signed, but did not receive anything.

P.S.—The letter in question began: 'Franke, I send unto you Cuffe, my man, whom you may believe in what he saith,' and ended, 'when your belly shall be laid, I will provide for your being here,' etc.

(This paper is distinctly dated 1600; but the allusion to the late Earl of Essex proves that the date must be 1601.)

1601, Sept. 7, Fleet Prison.

Examination on an Exchequer Commission of 23 June, 1601, of Jane, wife of John Daniell, of Hackney. When Edw. Vaughan and Rich^d. Shepherd, and others, the

Queen's Commissioners, came to her husband's house at Hackney, they took and detained goods valued in the following Inventory, furniture, apparel, &c. Neither she nor her husband had these goods nor their value delivered to them, but they are in the house, and it is in charge of Ralph Bell, only she has had back some articles of dress that were in the house, though not appraised, of which she gives an account. Further particulars relative to the valuing and disposal of the said goods. Came to the house at Hackney by order of the Lord Treasurer for some writings, and saw that the other goods were safely kept, but Ralph Bell afterwards cunningly got her children and servants out of the house and took possession of the whole. The Lord Treasurer referred her to Ralph Bell when she wanted some goods, but he said he had given up everything to Mrs. Richardson. Mentions other articles of apparel and furniture not in the Inventory; believes they came to Bell's hands, as he offered her some of them. Examination of Mary Harper, servant of John Daniell. Confirms the report of Mrs. Daniell relative to her goods which were locked up in her bedchamber; remained there three months, and then the house was in charge of Ralph Bell, who only allowed her and the children to be in a 'vast and unfit room,' where she took charge of the residue of goods left, of which a list is given.

(John Daniell seems to have been disappointed of the office of the pantry, given on his uncle's death to John Ware.)

Inventory of the goods of John Daniell in Hackney Parsonage, in the parlours, milk-house, kitchen, hall, buttery and grounds, the study and Mr. Daniell's chamber; also in sundry chests; total value, including £400 for the term of years and next advowson of Hackney Parsonage, £510 12s. 2d. Note: that this Inquisition was taken by an Exchequer Commissioner to seize the same to Her Majesty for a fine of £3,000. Note: that the said goods, etc., were

sold to Ferdinando Richardson,* groom of the privy chamber, for £530 12s. 2d., of which he paid £232 12s. 2d. Michaelmas, 1601, and £98 Michaelmas, 1602, and £200 is still due.

1602, Sept.

Jane Daniell to the Queen.

In Middlesex our goods, worth £330, were valued at £110, and Hackney Parsonage, worth £1,000, at £420. I have often sued the Lord Treasurer for redress in vain. The Countess of Essex and Fred. Richardson (Query Ferdinando Heybourne) have all our inheritance. I beg aid and my husband's liberty.

1602, Feb^y. 24.

Jane Daniel to Lord Treasurer Buckhurst.

Thanks for your letter to the Commissioners to stay the selling of my goods, but they had ill success, as all the parish of Hackney knows. Also for that to Ralph Bell for delivery of my apparel and my children's. He denies having them, though they were in the house when he turned my maid and children out of doors. Also you promised me a letter to M^r. Attorney for delivery of my bonds and evidences, which I ought in justice to have, but this letter you have been dissuaded from granting.

With note by Lord Buckhurst to M^r. Attorney, 10 March, 1602, that M^r. Attorney had shown the petitioner just cause for non-delivery of the bonds.

1601 (?), Dec. 13.

Petition of Jane Daniell to Council.

The fine of £3,000 imposed upon my husband in the Star Chamber was agreed to be paid £1,200 (£1,300 ?) the

* The Parson of Hackney in 1614 was Ferdinando Heybourne; can there be an error in the text? The Christian name Ferdinando is a rare one.

first year, and then £200 yearly, whereon the Lord Treasurer ordered our goods to be in safe guard, and divers evidences about Deresbury Manor, and Hackney and Minshull parsonages, and bonds for about £2,000, to be delivered to M^r. Attorney to frame a book thereon; but while this was preparing, the sheriff and other officers have made prey of my husband's goods, valuing Hackney Parsonage and the goods worth £2,000 at £700, to the loss of £1,300, which would have satisfied both Her Majesty and the Countess of Essex. On 10 Dec^r. the Attorney-General told my husband that the Queen had bestowed £2,000 of our fine on the Countess of Essex, and that she was content to accept of £1,000 and yet discharge him of £2,000, which her secretary and solicitor confirmed, and offered to procure my husband's pardon and release from prison. He in return offered her the yearly rent of all he has left, viz., Deresbury Manor and Minshull parsonage, but she wants the £1,000 within the year, which we cannot pay. He then offered her £2,000 in debts, deducting £300 to make the £1,000 for the Queen and £200 to redeem him from prison and to store his domain with cattle. She accepted this, if the debtors could be transferred into her name; as there are more than 200 persons concerned in different places, there will be difficulty in it, yet it was offered to be done if her ladyship would bear the charge; but this she refused. I fear she will now urge my husband's corporal punishment, and procure a lease of Deresbury and Minshull to herself, whereby the whole family would be extinguished and Her Majesty hindered in her payments. I beg that we may be restored to our former ability, the sheriff and his officers punished in the Star Chamber, and Deresbury and Minshull extended for the Queen. We will then perform the first agreement to the uttermost of our power.

Dec^r. 21 (?).

Jane Daniel to the Queen.

My husband's goods are embezzled, and yet as much is expected from him as if they were in his hands. I am the daughter of Ryhova, Governor of Ghent, who most resisted the Spanish tyranny in Flanders. I was exiled for the faith which your Highness defends. I am daily afflicted by the Countess of Essex, whom I faithfully served, because unable to pay her £2,000 of the fine as speedily as she wishes. She has caused my four small children to be turned out of Hackney Parsonage, and others to take the same. I beg a grant of the parsonage and lands, the rest of the goods, and my husband's free pardon.

1603.

John Danyell to Lord Cobham and Sir Walter Raleigh.

Is informed that the Countess of Essex would not have prosecuted him but for a false report that he was bribed to betray the contents of the late Earl of Essex's letters to them, to the Queen or to Sec^y. Cecill. Appeals to them to declare to the world that he never betrayed any letters to them.

June 1601.

Proceedings in the Star Chamber, with observations by John Daniell, enclosed in a note from John Daniell to his cousin Daniell, Jan^y. 26th, 1603-4.

He adds that he never complained of the sentence, but has a hundred times of his wrongs and oppressions since he was condemned, which are as heavy to him as treble the fine.

John Daniell of Daresbury Hall, Chester, Prisoner in the Gate House, was brought to the bar at the suit of Attorney-General Coke (the passages in brackets are marginal notes in Daniell's hand).

The information on his own confession was that 12

months since, when the late Earl of Essex was confined at the Lord Keeper's house for very heinous misdemeanours, his Countess [for fear her house should be searched] gave a Casket of letters, sent to her by her husband before and after their marriage [containing matters of disloyalty and contempt against her Majesty's person] to Jane, the wife of the prisoner Daniell, who had been the Countess's gentlewoman, which casket she was to keep until it was asked for. Daniell, finding the Casket under his bed, secretly opened it [this excuseth my wife] and took out 20 or 30 letters, intending to make gain thereof [no such purpose, but wishing to discover and reveal matters of State, from which he was prevented by some that escaped unpunished]. He took them to Peter Bales, a scrivener, to make copies and counterfeits of them [this he did in order to read them better; there were 30, and only 6 brought to Bales], pretending he had been sent by the Countess, and while Bales was making the copies, the prisoner dictated, blamed Bales for not imitating the Earl's hand better [done by great pains and Bale's help in reading them], and corrupted some of them, by adding and forging matter in his reading [the words 'the Queen's commandment,' &c., were thus shown to be resolved if they were matters of State]. Subsequently the Countess sent for the Casket, and missing many of the letters, she went to Daniell's house [a month before Bales knew of the letters]; and being greatly perplexed lest the Earl might conceive some dislike against her, for carelessly suffering his long and passionate love-letters to be divulged and spread abroad [the letters of secrecy were kept most secretly, which was my overthrow], she questioned the prisoner and his wife about them, who denied having them [the letters were not denied but detained for matters of State], and the prisoner used very discourteous speeches [no such matters nor speeches spoken on either part], and seemed offended with his wife for keeping the Casket without his privity; but they being informed by the Countess

that the letters were neither of importance nor dangerous to the State, nor to any particular person [both which was then unknown, and therefore he desired to be truly resolved]; but that the loss thereof troubled her, for the before-mentioned reasons, the prisoner pretended he would use his utmost endeavours to find them, and shortly after wrote the Countess [she first wrote to his wife and sent divers messages] confessing that he had them, and that as they might greatly concern her lord, it behoved her to be careful to regain them, but that he had become very much impoverished and decayed of late, and only about £3,000 during his service with the Earl, and that upon some honourable consideration of his necessity, he would restore them [she offered £1,000 before he demanded £3,000]. The Countess sent one of her servants [Sir Edward Dyer and M^r. Lyle] to have the letters returned, and to assure the prisoner that she would relieve his wants to the best of her ability; but he demanded £3,000, otherwise he would not deliver them. The Countess then herself treated with him, but he would not part with them unless she paid him £1,720 [Sir Edward Dyer made the contract at the Countess's request], he alleging that if he carried them to Lord Cobham and Sir Walter Raleigh, they would give him £3,000 for them [no such words]. Not having so much money, and dreading what might arise between her and her husband, she was forced to sell her jewels [sold before; borrowed the money of Lingley, Crumpton, Sir E. Dyer, and Peter Vanderlure], and having made up the £1720, she paid it to the prisoner and received her letters. But the prisoner, thinking his treacherous and bad practices might subsequently come to light, demanded a general release from the Countess and her husband [a release was offered before any money was paid], so as to prevent any danger that might ensue. All this plainly appeared to the Court, both by the prisoner's writing [not a word of my handwriting about the release] and his confession [no word

confessed, but I would have discovered good matter if duly dealt with], and he was unable to defend or extenuate his offence [because it lay in matter of proof and I was denied both counsel and proof]. The Court asked if there was any truth in his speeches touching Lord Cobham and Sir Walter Raleigh, when he acknowledged them also to be false and slanderous [never reported nor spoken by me], and that they never offered him money. And it also appeared that he had very lately written a letter to the Countess containing very scandalous matter, and impeaching her of some supposed unkindness towards the late Earl [she knows this to be most true]. The Attorney-General observed on Daniell's treachery, being a servant to the late Earl [no servant of two years before, but retired upon just cause of discontent and unconstant dealing both by the Earl and Countess], and the time it was committed against so honourable and virtuous a lady, in her sorrow for her husband's fall, that it highly aggravated the offence. It also appeared that at the time of the late Earl's arraignment he pretended that the aforesaid letters had been forged and counterfeited by his adversaries [the Earl's letters were truly written and not counterfeited, but imitated for the Queen's service, from which he was withdrawn by the Countess and her friends], whereas it now appears to have been done by his servant, the prisoner, and therefore the imputation which the late Earl endeavoured to lay upon others was most unjust [he had no better pretext to cover his treasons], which at his death he confessed to be false imputations, as appeareth by Mr. Barlow's sermon, which proveth that Daniell was made an instrument to excuse others, and ought to have been imposed upon the prisoner, on whom the Attorney-General prayed for some extraordinary and exemplary punishment [my unjust deserts in seeking to discover the truth, and meaning to reveal the same to her Majesty]. The Court, considering the heinousness of the offences, adjudged the prisoner to pay a fine

of £3,000 to Her Majesty and be committed to the Fleet prison for life. The Court also pitying the great wrong and injury which the Countess had sustained [she had wronged me still more], cleared her from all suspicion of any ill intention towards her late husband [the effect of her actions have proved the contrary], and stated that they could testify of their own knowledge as to her true and honourable regard for him, and that she did as much as was possible for a woman for his good during his imprisonment [after his death she showed unkindness to his children], and that she was always reported a most honourable and virtuous lady.

Feb'y. 22nd., 1604.

Petition of Jane, wife of John Danyel, to the King for restoration of her children's lands, unjustly detained for payment of the remainder of a fine of £3,000 due from her husband to the Crown, with reference to the Court of Exchequer, as being thoroughly acquainted with the case, and order for the suppliant to be admitted to sue in forma pauperis.

1608, June 19.

Petition of John Daniel to Lord Chief Baron Tanfield. Being censured in the Star Chamber and fined £3,000, had all his estates, worth 500 marks a year, taken, and was allowed to sue for his debts in forma pauperis. Has sued Hannett Grigge accordingly for a bond for £40, but he resists payment, begs that the case may be tried not in Cheshire, but at Hackney or Middlesex, with order thereon granting the petition. Another order, 19 August, staying a Commission sent down into Cheshire on the case, and memorandum of an oath by Jane Daniell of her husband's illness and the nature of the bond.

Extracted from the Lives of the Devereux, Earls of Essex.
By the Hon. Walter Bouchier Devereux.

While Essex was in the custody of the Lord Keeper, the Countess gave a casket of letters (for purpose of concealment in case her husband's papers should be seized) to the wife of one John Daniel, who had been her gentlewoman, to keep them for her.

Jane Daniel says,* that about the 18th October, 1599, the Countess of Essex committed to her charge a 'casket of a reasonable bigness,' keeping the key herself, and saying there were only letters therein. About the 7th January, 1600, Lady Essex sent for the casket again: 'The next day after the casket was delivered, her L. came to my house and told me that she missed some of her letters out of it; and being answered by me that I never touched any of her letters, my husband was called forth of his bed, and after some conference between them, she desired that we would make some search in the house among the servants; and went away delivering some expressions of discontent against my husband.' On the 24th February, Lady Essex wrote to Mrs. Daniel, that she understood her husband had the letters, adding, 'let him bring them to me, and my Lord and I will be better and more kind to him than ever we were;' and in a Postscript desires her to use her best endeavour with her husband; which, says she, 'I did, but, if the depth of this matter were well known, I received the like success that Volumnia had in persuading her son Coriolanus to raise the siege from Rome, for he

* In a MS. book written by Jane Daniel, and entitled 'Daniel's Disasters,' with a privy seal attached, authorising the printing of the said book, in the reign of James I., it appears that Jane Daniel was the daughter of François Kethulle, Lord of Ryhove, in Flanders, Governor and High Bailiff of Ghent and Dendermond, who, meeting with misfortunes, partly on account of his religion, died in poverty, and his daughter was taken into the service of Lady Essex, at that time wife to Sir Philip Sidney; and remained with her until she became the wife of John Daniel, of Dewesbury, or Dewsbury, in Cheshire, who was in Essex's service.

whom I persuaded to shun Scylla fell upon Charybdis. Daniel was at the time on duty at the Court, in some post which doubtless was obtained for him by the master he was betraying. He wrote thus to his wife: 'Jane, I am glad that the Countess of Essex made you acquainted where her letters are, which I was loth to have done. But now I think good to let you know, that my decayed estate is more than I was willing you should be partaker of; and although I meant to have delivered the Countess's letters to Her Majesty, yet if I can recover myself by them that have wrought my decay, I will, for your sake, forbear my purpose; hoping the Countess will deal well with me, and recompense all my losses sustained by her and her Lord, then I will willingly satisfy her request in that behalf: otherwise I will deliver her letters to the Queen, as I was before determined, and so do bid you heartily farewell. From the Court at Richmond, the last of February, 1600.'

Daniel was a great scoundrel, and fully deserved to fall upon the Charybdis he made for himself. It appears he demanded £3,000, a sum that Lady Essex was not able to pay, but by the sale of her jewels she contrived to make up £1,720, which Daniel consenting to take, he was paid by Sir Edward Dyer and Mr. William Lylle; and gave up to them, not the original letters, but forged duplicates he had obtained.

Peter Bales, a schoolmaster,* who was employed by Daniel to copy the letters, made a declaration of the circumstances attending his employment. He says that he suspected there was treason in the letters, from some secrecy contained in one. (See *ante*).

If we cannot, like the schoolmaster, discover treason in these expressions, we at all events learn one remarkable fact, which refutes many an accusation against Essex, of treasonable plans for returning from Ireland at the head of

* Elsewhere called a scrivener. Compare with this man the scrivener in the 'Fortunes of Nigel.'

his army ; for in August he had so little intention of leaving that country that he looked forward to his wife joining him there after her confinement, which took place the 30th of September. It is probable the letters contained personal allusions to the Queen, of a nature which made it very desirable they should not be seen by her.

Mr. Daniel, however, does not seem to have enjoyed his plunder very long. The declaration of Peter Bales was made in July, 1600. Daniel was sentenced in the Star Chamber to perpetual imprisonment, to pay a fine of £3,000, of which £2,000 were to be returned to the Countess, and to stand with his ears nailed to the pillory, and this inscription : ‘ *A wicked forger and impostor.*’

[The Earl of Essex is said to have spoken disrespectfully of the Queen, calling her an ‘old and ugly jade.’ Supposing this expression to have been interpolated in the stolen letters by Daniel, or by his direction, the inexorable anger of the Queen is easily accounted for.]*

‘DANIEL DEFOE.’

St. John at Hackney Poor’s Rate.

1733.

Page 33. Daniel Defoe rated at £0 10s. 0d.

(James Defoe, great grandson of the author of ‘Robinson Crusoe,’ is said to have died on 16 May, 1857, and to be buried in Abney Park Cemetery.)

‘Robinson Crusoe’ appeared in 1719. According to Dr. Robinson Defoe died in April, 1731. The above entry in the Poor Rate Book probably refers to his son. The entries in the Register of the novelist’s children extend from 1701 to 1724, and the last refers to Daniel

* These extracts (except the last) are from the Calendars of State Papers and Addenda, 1580—1625.]

Defoe, an infant buried at Hackney June 24, 1724. Perhaps this was a grandchild. Possibly the name of the author remained on the parish books two years after his death.

Lysons states that Defoe, the well-known author of 'Robinson Crusoe' and many other works, received his education at Newington Green, and died at Islington in 1731. ('Environs,' vol. iii. p. 139). Although he died at Islington his house may have been at Hackney. We cannot account for his name appearing in the Rate-book in 1733.

A CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNT, 1753.

1753.

				£	s.	d.		
July 13.	Pd. at Dr. Commons	£0	16	2	} Allowd.	5	0	0
	Dinner, &c.		4	16				
July 17.	Paid Sar ^h . Palmer for blowing the Organ 1 Q ^r .					0	13	0
21.	Paid Richd. Dann 1 q ^r . for attending the Vestry					5	5	0
Aug. 1.	Paid for Ringing					1	5	0
11.	Thos. Archer 1 q ^r . sal ^y . Organist					3	10	0
	Pd. bringing 3 Acts of Parlem ^t . to prevent Clandestine Marriages					0	2	0
24.	Pd. ten men playing the 2 Engines, Spent 7s. 7d.					1	6	4
	Pd. for Seven Hedg Hogs					0	2	4
Sep. 3.	Pd. James Buckland for Bible, &c.					4	0	6
10.	„ for Two Hedghogs					0	0	8
17.	„ Tho. King, Glasses					1	3	0
Oct. 2.	„ John Jackson, ½ year					6	11	6
5.	„ Sar ^h . Palmer for blowing the bellows					0	13	0
13.	„ Mr. Rich. Dann 1 q ^r . sal ^y . for attending the Vestry					5	5	0
				Carried forward		£34	17	4

		£	s.	d.	
		Brought forward	34	17	4
Oct. 20.	Pd. for Seven Hedghogs	-	0	2	0
22.	„ Ringing, being the King's Corona- tion	-	1	5	0
	Pd. J. Weatherhead 1 Q ^r . salary, due at Midsomer's, as taken from Poor's Account	-	0	10	0
Nov. 2.	Pd. Ditto 1 q ^r . to Michaelmas	-	0	10	0
5.	Pd. for Ringing this day	-	1	5	0
9.	„ Mr. Tho. Holgate's Bill when re- ceived for the Bell tolling	-	2	14	4
10.	„ Ringing on the King's Birthday	-	1	5	0
22.	„ Will. Newman for Bell Ropes	-	3	0	0
	Pd. for 4 Hedghogs at several Times	-	0	1	4
26.	„ Mr. John Rogers, for half year sal ^y . for keeping the Church Clock in order	-	2	10	0
27.	Pd. for a Hedghog	-	0	0	4
Dec ^r . 22.	Pd. Jas. Bowne's Bill	-	7	8	8
1754.					
Jan. 3.	Pd. Mr. Purcell, Organist, One Quarter, due at Christmas	-	5	0	0
4.	Paid S. Nesbitt for a Church Um- berella	-	2	2	0
	Pd. James M ^c Gill for Holland for a Surplice	-	3	7	6
5.	Rich. Dann 1 quarter to Christmas	-	5	5	0
	Pd. Eliz. Bruce for making a Surplace for Mr. Cornthwait	-	0	14	0
11	Mary Palmer blowing the bellows	-	0	13	0
	Do. for Christmas Box as usual	-	0	1	0
14.	Pd. Tho. King, Glazier's bill	-	1	0	0
	„ Rich. Speed, bricklayer's bill	-	1	2	6
		Carried forward	£74	14	0

		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	74	14	0
26.	Pd. Rogers for a block line y ^e 19; not the Receipt sent till this day	-	0	17 6
30.	Pd. the High Constable	-	17	16 9
Mar. 25.	Pd. Mr. Cornthwaite for 2 sermons on Good Friday and Ascension Day, left unpaid by Mr. King, last Churchwar.	-	2	0 0
27.	Pd. Edw. Bridge Two years' salary for keeping the Church Organ	-	8	0 0
	Sar ^h . Palmer blowing the Organ Bel- lows 1 qua. 13s., and keeping the Curtains a year, 2s. 6d.	-	0	15 6
	Pd. for a Register Book y ^e 25 th inst.	-	0	12 0
Mar. 28.	Pd. Mr. Richd. Dann, Clerk, one qua ^r . sallary	-	5	5 0
April 1.	Pd. Mr. Purcell, organist, for one Qua ^r . Sallary to last Lady Day	-	5	0 0
4.	Pd. Thos. Archer for playing 9 times on the Organ in full	-	2	5 0
10.	Pd. John Toone for killing rats in the Church by Spung, &c.	-	0	15 0
13.	Pd. John Weatherhead $\frac{1}{2}$ year	-	1	0 0
15.	John Rogers $\frac{1}{2}$ a year sallary due keep- ing the church clock last Lady Day	-	2	10 0
19.	Pd. Mr. Tho. Holgate's bill when rec ^d . for the bell tolling	-	5	0 10
20.	Pd. Mr. Jackson Sexton bill	-	8	17 6
	Pd. Mr. King's bill for plumer's work	-	6	8 6
	Pd. Ditto for Glazier's work	-	0	8 6
30.	Pd. Thos. King's bill for mending the Church windows	-	0	7 0
May 2.	Pd. Jos. Pascoe, Stonecutter's bill	-	3	2 6
	Carried forward	145	15	7

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	145	15	7
II. Pd. Henry Snell for Smith's work in full	-	-	-
		1	15
Pd. Mr. John Bride for Bread for the Sacrament to Apr ^l 14, £1 10s.	-	-	-
		1	17
Pd. Mr. Clare for ditto, 7s.	-	-	-
	£149	7	7

A General State of the Receipts and Disbursements contained in this Book.*

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To the King's letter	-	-	-
	20	0	0
Draper's Company; Mr. Johnson's Gifts, due Mch, 1753	-	-	-
	5	0	0
Sr Crisp Gascoyn; Mr. Monger do.	-	-	-
	12	0	0
Peter Mangender; Mr. Martin's do.	-	-	-
	7	0	0
Abel White $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. due Lady Day, 1753; Pool, &c., gifts	-	-	-
	16	10	0
Churchwardens St. Mary, Woolnoth; Mr. Cheney's gift	-	-	-
	1	17	6
Jo. Darnell; Bish. Dolben's Gift, due Lady Day, 1754	-	-	-
	4	0	0
Do. Gifts of severall	-	-	-
	2	5	0
Sr Rich. Glyn, due Mich., 1753	-	-	-
	4	0	0
Mr. Carter, due La Day, 1754, 1 yr; Mr. Swaine's Gift	-	-	-
	5	0	0
Skinner's Company, due Lady Day, 1754; Mrs. Audley's Do.	-	-	-
	35	0	0
Carried forward	112	12	6

* Title of book, 'The Churchwarden's Account of Money received and expended for the Parish of St. John, Hackney, for the year 1753 and part of 1754.'

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	112	12	6
Goldsmith's Company, due La Day, 1754; Mr. Banister Do. - - - -	8	0	0
Do. Gift of Mr. Jameson - - - -	5	0	0
Mercer's Company, 1 y ^r ., due La Day, 1754.			
H. Rowe's £4 16s.			
Land Tax, 11s. 10d. } - -	4	4	2
Henry Norris, Esq., La Day, 1754; Hammond's Gift - - - -	4	0	0
John Dunks, 1 y ^r ., due La Day, 1754; T. Heron's Do. - - - -	2	12	0
John Hughes, 1 y ^r ., La Day, 1754; S ^r Step. White's Do. - - - -	6	0	0
Mr. Clear, 1 y ^r . Rent, due La Day, 1754; S ^r Tho. Viner's Do. - - - -	10	0	0
Ballance of Mr. Pring's Acco ^t . - - - -	1	17	0
Rich. Charles, for Mopps - - - -	6	2	8
Mr. Holgate, for the Bell - - - -	18	0	10
Mr. Bride paid back for the Coroner - - - -	1	13	4
Mary Davis for Her Mother's board, 20 weeks	2	0	0
St. Thomas's Hospital - - - -	0	7	4
To Poor Rate on a/c - - - -	660	4	9
Mr. Holgate for Bell money - - - -	27	3	2
Townsend for swearing - - - -	0	5	0
A woman, Church Street - - - -	0	2	0
Brasier p ^d . 3 Headboro' out 3s. left - - - -	0	2	0
Williams riding in his Cart - - - -	0	10	0
Publick House for Lord's Day - - - -	0	6	0
Sacrament money - - - -	17	3	6
Peacock and Buck for Lord's Day - - - -	0	10	0
Hughes - - - -	0	5	0
Conviction of Cochmen - - - -	1	0	0
Information against Pedlars - - - -	1	1	0

Carried forward 891 2 3

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	891	2	3
A Jew hawking without a license	-	0	4
Conv. of Holloway, Gardner, and Williams and Com. in Church time	-	0	15
R. Francis Riding in his Cart	-	0	5
Breifs	-	9	16
Gaywood for Hurris	-	1	0
Parish of Redgrave for Dickins	-	11	15
King's Letter	19	13	6
Expenses	0	13	6
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	£933	18	3
Ballance due to Mr. Edward Barnard	-	124	9
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	£1058	8	2

The Credit side is not copied, as it only refers in general terms to particulars in other pages.

Concerning fines, etc.

Jacob Albert, Esq., Treasurer.

1774, April 9, Paid William Archer and James Blundell for apprehending John Cooke for a Robbery in the House of Mr. Moses Montefiori and condemned to be transported £1 5s.

N.B.—Mr. Albert paid £25, his fine for all offices, April 12th, 1787.

Mr. John Appach paid his fine, £25, for all offices, May 1st, 1794.

Dec^r. 2, Mr. D. Duval paid his fine of £25.

1797, Mar. 14, Mr. S. Dobree paid his fine of £25.

June 7, Mr. Isaac Hensley " " £25.

17, Mr. Malkin " " £25.

Among the Subscribers to a fund for the relief of the industrious Poor of this Parish, Hackney, Dec^r. 22nd, 1800, are found the following names :

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Apach, Mr.	-	5	5	o	Powell, Mr. D.	-	5	5	o
Beaufoy, „ B.	-	3	3	o	Powell, Mr. Ja ^s .	-	5	5	o
Cazenove „ J.	-	5	5	o	Paroissein, Rev.				
Duppa, Sarah	-	10	10	o	Mr.	-	5	5	o
Dobree, S.	-	5	0	o	Powell, Mr. B.,				
Duval, Mr.	-	3	3	o	Jun ^r .	-	5	5	o
Foster, T. F., Jun ^r .	10	10	0	o	Powell, Mr. Baden	5	5	0	o
Greenwood, Mr.	-	5	5	o	Pulsford, Miss	-	5	5	o
Hensley, Isaac	-	5	5	o	Rutt, Mr.	-	3	3	o
Heygate	-	5	5	o	Sedgwick, Harry	2	2	0	o
Hensly, Isaac,					Siffkin, Mr.	-	5	5	o
Upper Clapton	5	5	0	o	Sikes, Mrs.	-	3	3	o
Hunt, T.	-	2	2	o	N.B.—W. S.,				
Langmore, Mr.	-	3	3	o	£2 2s. (sic in orig.)				
Lloyd, Mr.	-	1	1	o	Trower, Mrs.	-	3	3	o
Lynes, Mrs.	-	5	5	o	Trower, John	-	5	5	o
Mangles, Mr. J.	-	10	10	o	Toulmin, Mr.	-	3	3	o
Norris, M. H. H.					Watson, Rev. Mr.	10	10	0	o
(Qy. Rev. H. H.					Watson, Mr. John	5	5	0	o
Norris)	-	10	10	o	Watson, Mr. W ^m .	5	5	0	o
Newcome, Mr. R.	5	5	0	o	Walley, Mr. Jos ^h .	5	5	0	o
Ogier, Mr. Joshua	10	0	0	o					

Among the Disbursements are :

Mr. Kemble for Rice, £222 9s. 8d.

To the order of the Rev^d. Mr. Paroissein, £10.

To the order of Rev. Mr. Watson, 3 sums, £83.

HACKNEY READING SOCIETY.

The following were probably the original Members.

1832.

	Date of Election.
Mr. Jn ^o . Clarke Powell, 1815 - -	} Aborigines.
Mr. Cornwall Reynolds, „ Resigned 13 March, 1834 - - -	
Mr. John Graham, died 1842 - -	11 June, 1818,
Mr. John Ord, Resigned 1869 - -	19 March, 1819.
Mr. James Powell, died 1841 - -	12 Sept. 1816.
Mr. John Simpson, died 1858 - -	11 Dec ^r . 1823.
Mr. John Birkett - - -	5 April, 1824.
The Rev ^d . — Irish, Left the parish 1832	5 „ 1824.
Mr. Herman Mertens Left the parish 1836 - - -	22 Sept. 1825.
Mr. John Craven, 13 Sep., 1832, left -	8 Dec ^r ., 1825.
Mr. George Greenwood - - -	14 Sept., 1826.
Mr. Ant ^y . Nichol, Left the Parish 1836	12 March, 1829.
Mr. John Marshall, R ^d . 9 Dec ^r ., 41 -	10 June, 1830.
Mr. Charles Bowman, Resigned Jan., 1833	16 Sept., 1830.
Mr. Alex ^r . Green, left the Parish -	10 Dec., 1830.
Mr. Jo ^s . Nalder, Resigned 13 Mar., 1834	9 June, 1831.
12 Dec ^r ., 33 (?) W ^m . Sikes, Sect ^y . -	11 March, 1830.
Mr. Cha ^s . Roland Dicken Resigned 14 Dec. 1837 - - -	13 Sept., 1832.
Mr. Thomas Allan, Resigned 1835 -	18 April, 1833.
Rev ^d . J ^{no} . May, Resigned 13 March, 1834	18 April, 1833.
Mr. F. D. Dyster, Do. „ 1839	13 March, 1834.
Mr. R. S. Williams, Do. 13 Dec ^r ., 1838	„ 1834.
Mr. S. P. Child, Left the Parish -	„ 1834.
Mr. Thomas Gillespy Resigned 1836 -	11 Dec ^r ., 1834.
Dr. Duesbury Do. Sept., 1838	10 Sept., 1835.
Mr. Dighton (Thomas), Res ^d . 9 Dec., 41	8 Dec ^r ., 1836.

	Date of Election.
Mr. Charles Rivaz - - -	11 Dec ^r ., 1836.
Mr. Henry Hall, Resigned Sep., 43 -	" " "
Mr. Skinner Turner, Resigned -	13 Dec ^r ., 1838.
Mrs. Snaith - - -	11 July, 1839.
Richard Birkett, Resigned May, 1842 -	21 March, 1839.
W ^m . Hodgson resigned Dec., 1840 -	12 March, 1840.
Thomas Lucas - - -	20 June, 1840.
D. De Berdt Hovell - - -	9 June, 1841.
William Simpson - - -	9 Dec ^r ., 1841.
Fred ^k . Williams - - -	10 Mar., 1842.
T. R. Davison - - -	14 Mar., 1844.
W. W. Heathcote, res ^d . - - -	14 " "
W. Liddiard - - -	16 May, "
Tho ^s . Burnell - - -	12 Dec ^r ., "
Miss Hunt - - -	13 Mar., 1845.
Rob ^t . Goodwin - - -	13 Mar., 1846.



The Organ and Organists.



It appears likely from the following extract from a schedule exhibited to the Bishop in August, 1622, that the first organ was then set up in Hackney Church.

'Mr. Thomas Roe gave this parish the some of ffyftie poundes for the buildinge of an organ in o^r Church, w^{ch} is already p^rformed.'

Nothing is said about this being in lieu of an organ already existing. The organ set up in 1665-6 may have been a new or larger instrument than Mr. Roe's. The following is not thought to be a complete list of organists.

Thos. White seems to have been organist in Oct., 1666, at 28s. per month.

Nichs. Millett, 1683, April 10, during his good behaviour.

Jas. Dunkerly chosen April 6, 1686, on the same condition.

A. Johnson.

John Reading chosen Jan. 28, 1707, for one year, in the room of Alex. Johnson, deceased. He applied June 1, 1709, for increase of salary, it being £12 per annum and no more. The consideration of this request was deferred

until the return of Mr. Newcome, and we cannot find any further mention of it. See page 119 for further mention of Mr. Reading, and also see note concerning him.

Thos. Archer was organist in 1738. He had probably held the appointment since July, 1727, when he was told to play the organ on trial until Michaelmas.

Edward Henry Purcell appointed Sept. 22, 1753. (See page 154, note.)

David L'Herreux, Oct. 5, 1765.

Groombridge.

J. T. Terry.

J. T. Craven.

J. G. Saunders (present organist).

There appears to be some question whether there was an organist named Rathiel at Hackney Church between 1622 and 1665. He is thought to have composed a tune called 'St. Mary' or 'Hackney.'

There is a tune 'St. Mary' in Terry's collection, page 50, attributed by Terry to Milton (authority not known). This tune is identical with one in Mounsey's collection, page 36, attributed to Rathiel. The tune called 'Hackney' in Terry's collection, page 20, is one composed by Terry himself, and is a different tune.

Mr. Chas. E. Stephens, of 37, Howley Place, Maida Hill, being about to publish a fantasia on Rathiel's 'St. Mary,' has made much inquiry on the subject, but has not found anything to confirm the report that he (Rathiel) was organist at Hackney. Neither can we find the name in the Register. Perhaps he was organist at St. Mary, Stoke Newington. He is not however mentioned in Dr. Robinson's History of that Parish.

LIST OF SERMONS AND PAMPHLETS IN THE POSSESSION OF
THE COMPILER, INCLUDING ONE PRINTED IN FULL.

A Discursive Conjecture upon the reasons that produce
a desired event of the present troubles of Great Britaine,

different from those of Lower Germanie. Considered in the maine passages that seeme parallel, but upon a further survey are discovered to be otherwise. By Calybutte Downing, LL.D., Pastor of Hackney. London: Printed by Richard Hearne, and are to be sold by John Partridge. 1641.

England's eminent judgments caus'd By the abuse of God's eminent mercies: Discovered in a Sermon preached before the Right Honourable House of Lords, in the Abbey Church at Westminster, at the publique Thanksgiving, Novemb. 5, 1644. By William Spurstowe, late Fellow of Katharine Hall, in Cambridge, and now Pastor of Hackney, neere London, a Member of the Assembly of Divines.

(The rest of title page torn off. At the end is the Lords' request that it be printed.)

'I doe appoint John Rothwell to print my Sermon.'—
William Spurstowe.

A Sermon preached at the Assizes at Hertford, July viii., 1689. By John Strype, M.A., Vicar of Low-Leyton in Essex. Imprimatur, Julii 22, 1689; C. Alston. London: Printed for Richard Chiswell, at the Rose and Crown, in St. Paul's Church-yard. 1689.

Lessons proper for Fallible Man, in a Sermon preached at the Lecture at St. Augustin's, Hackney, Sep. the 21, 1707. By John Strype, M.A. Published at Request. London: Printed for John Wyat, at the Rose in St. Paul's Churchyard. 1708. Price One Penny.

The Religion of an Oath, as relating to those of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration, required by the Go-

vernment, to be taken at this time: Considered in a Sermon Preached in the Parish Church of Hackney, October the Twenty-third, 1715. Being the Sunday after the general administration of the Oaths to the inhabitants of that and the neighbouring Places. By Peter Newcome, M.A., Vicar of Hackney, in Middlesex, &c. London: Printed for John Wyat, at the Rose in St. Paul's Church-yard. 1715.

Short Rules for Christian Practice. Delivered at Hackney Church on Sunday, May 31, 1724, being the Farewel Sermon of the Lecturer there. Published at the desire of Parishioners. London: Printed for T. Edlin, at the Prince's-Arms, over-against Exeter-Change in the Strand. MDCCXXIV.

To the Gentlemen and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of Hackney.

GENTLEMEN,

Since it is your Desire to read what you heard me lately deliver in your Church, as my last parting Sermon; and it being your general Request to me, that it might be printed for your Edification; I have readily complied with your good Motion; and now present it to you. And the rather, that it may be a standing Remembrance of my sincere Respects for you, who have so well deserved from me these many Years: And that the Subject, being so Practical, may be your Monitor, by reading whereof to put you in mind of your Duty, as you are Christians, solemnly dedicated from your Baptism to Christ and his Service. And thus commending you all to the Blessing of God, I remain,

My dear Brethren in Christ,

Yours, Ever ready to serve in the

Ministry of the Gospel,

JOH. STRYPE.

Epistle to the Phillip. Chap iv. Ver. 8.

‘ Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good Report : If there be any Vertue, and if there be any Praise, think on these things.’

THINKING with my self of some suitable Subject to entertain you with, (my dear Brethren in Christ) as one of my last Discourses to you, I chose to take it from this Text, so full, so comprehensive of the Christian’s Duty in few Words : And not knowing, whether I may have any other Opportunity to preach the Gospel to you, by Reason of my great Age, therefore (leaving you to the Ministry of your faithful Pastor, and other able and godly Preachers, his Assistants ;) I heartily recommend this same Counsel to you (and I should do it, if I were upon my Death-bed) which St. Paul gave to his Philippian Church, at his taking his Leave of them. ‘ Finally, Brethren, whatsoever Things are true, whatsoever Things are honest, whatsoever Things are just, whatsoever Things are pure, whatsoever Things are lovely, whatsoever Things are of good Report : If there be any Vertue, and if there be any Praise, think on these Things.’

That which I shall do in pursuance of this Text, shall be only,

I. To take some Review of these excellent Things set here before us to think of ; and so to think of, as to practise : And then,

II. To make some practical Improvement of our Discourse And so to conclude with some particular Addresses to you.

I.

To take a Review of all these excellent Graces and Divine Accomplishments here recommended to us ; the serious Thoughts and Practice whereof, to be our constant

Care through the Course of our whole Lives. I shall give but some short Explication of each of them, for our better understanding the Import of them; tho' they might require indeed to be much longer insisted upon, if we had Leisure, and would deserve another Sermon.

I. *Whatsoever Things are true.* The first Christian Grace, here recommended, is *Truth*. To be true, that is, to be plain in our Words, faithful to our Promises. That we be plain-hearted Men. That we speak as we think, and think as we speak.

II. *Whatsoever Things are honest.* Or *venerable, grave, or seemly*, as that Word is interpreted;* that is, that all the Christian's Carriage and Deportment be managed with that Gravity, Severity, and Seemliness that becomes a reasonable Man and a true Christian. Again,

III. *Whatsoever Things are just.* That is, That we be exact and punctual in all our Dealings; and that we wrong no Man of the least Matter: That we give every one what is his due, and take from no Man any thing that belongs to him, tho' we might do it with never so much Privacy or Concealment: Or, being Men of Power, by Violence.

IV. *Whatsoever Things are pure.* That is, That we preserve our Bodies and our Minds in Chastity and Modesty, untainted with any unclean Thoughts or Practices, and that no frothy, idle, impure Words or Discourses come out of our Lips; to entertain no Impurity so much as in our Thoughts; but if any such come there, at any Time, to throw them out with Indignation.

V. *Whatsoever Things are lovely.* That we study all Ways to render ourselves and our Actions gracious, acceptable, and delightful to Mankind; that our innocent, useful Conversation may gain Love, and not Displeasure to our selves.

VI. *Whatsoever Things are of good report.* That we abstain carefully from whatsoever may blot our Names, or

* Σεινὰ.

raise any just Scandal upon us among our Brethren : To avoid as much as possible the giving any Occasion to the Talk and Censure of Men. And then it follows, in more general and comprehensive Terms,

VII. *If there be any Vertue.* That is, in short, to prosecute everything that is Vertuous, and to shun whatsoever may have the least Tincture of Vice and Immorality in it. To this Purport is St. Peter's Advice :* 'Give all Diligence to add to your Faith Vertue, and to Vertue Knowledge, and to Knowledge Temperance, and to Temperance Patience, and to Patience Godliness, and to Godliness Brotherly Kindness, and to Brotherly Kindness Charity.' Behold! this is Vertue, and all these are the goodly Concomitants of it. And,

Lastly, *If there be any Praise.* That is to say, That we exercise not ourselves, nor have anything to do with Things mean and base, or contemptible, and unsuitable to our Holy Profession ; but on the contrary, to lay ourselves in such Actions and Employments, as may denominate us wise and good Men : Whence springs the truest Praise. That we may be known and acknowledged, and commended for such. If there be any Praise.

And then, all is concluded with this Advice, *Think on these Things.* Think on them, and you cannot but approve them. Think on them ; for they are highly worthy your Meditation. Think of them ; that is, make Account of them ; Esteem them : Propound them to yourselves, as your great standing Rules of Practice in the Management of your Lives, in all the various Circumstances of them. And thus I have gone over all these particular Rules of good Life distinctly, in a plain and short, tho' imperfect Comment of them.

II.

And now, by Way of Application and Reflection upon

* 2 Pet. i. 5.

the Account you have heard of these true, honest, just, pure, and lovely Things,

I. Consider what admirable Things these are which the Apostle here recommends to us : It is a short Epitome of the main Duties of our Christian Religion, with Respect to ourselves and others. Here you may take a beautiful Prospect of Religion : What it is indeed. It is the Course and Compass by which we are to steer aright. These are the Rules, by which we are to measure all our Actions in this World : Namely, whatsoever Things are true, whatsoever Things are honest, and pure, lovely, and of good Report.

Let this Prospect make you in Love with your Christian Religion. For all this is but a Summary of it ; a short Account of that which the Doctrine of the Gospel consisteth of, and abounds more largely with. Let the Mention of these Things make you fully acquainted what Religion is in Truth, after all the Talk of it ; and what those noble Acquirements are that render a Man Religious. And it will further enable you to judge what that Religion is, that may render us acceptable in the Sight of God. Religion doth not consist, as many Men fondly imagine, in outside Forms and little Observances, or Peculiar, nice Doctrines, Opinions, and Speculations. It doth not teach Men to speak a few fine Phrases, or to make them set their Faces after an uncouth Fashion ; or put them upon opposing Customs, or make Seditions or Disturbances in the Church or State, or in saying, I am of Paul, and I am of Apollos, and I of Cephas. It is enough for us, to say, that we are of Christ. Religion is set upon higher, and greater, and nobler Objects. Its main Design is to regulate the evil Lives, and immoral Practices of Men : To make Men true and just, sober and honest, pure and unspotted : To excite Men to the noblest Actions, and the best Things ; as these are before you. And hereby to advance us not only to the Esteem and Love of Men, but of God too.

And indeed it is mighty strange, how Men that profess Religion, and would seem to have a greater Concern for it than others, should so lamentably mistake it, and do so much Discredit to it, as to spend so much Time and so great Zeal upon the Outside of Religion, Opinions, and obscure Doctrines, upon Rites and Ceremonies, Models of Worship and Discipline, as tho' Religion chiefly consisted in these smaller Matters; which are rather to be left to the Guides and Governours of the Church, and their Wisdom and Discretion. Whereas Religion's main Purpose is to render us inwardly good and godly. 'Whatsoever Things are true, whatsoever Things are just and honest, lovely, and of good Report.'

II. Take Notice here, how Morality and Christianity go Hand in Hand: And what an Accord there is between them. There is no such Difference, no such Contradiction between them, as some would pretend. What are all these Things spoken of by the Apostle, and enjoined the Christians, but Moral Things? And particularly Vertue is here urged: Which is nothing else but another Name for Morality. And on this Account the Ten Commandments are called the Moral Law. Which our Saviour introduced into the Gospel; tho' indeed by him much improved and advanced. So that Christianity, as to the Practical Part of it, is but Morality advanced and perfected. And throughout the whole Gospel and Epistles, there is little else urged upon our Practice, (adding only the two Sacraments and the Praying to God in the Name of Jesus, and Depending upon the Merits of his Death and Passion) all Duties press'd upon us besides these, may come under the Name of Christian Morality. Such are Justice and Temperance, Meekness and Patience, Humility and Forbearance, Charity and Compassion. And such are the Things in the Text: Things that are true and just and honest, and pure, lovely, and of good Report: And therefore let no Man think or speak meanly of Morality: Especially the Precepts of it

being so much advanced by our Blessed Saviour in his Gospel, and His Apostles in their Epistles.

III. This Text may serve you as a Rule to direct you in doubtful Cases that may happen to you. It is a safe Compass to Sail by in this dangerous Sea of the World: To enable you to steer your Course in all the Transactions of your Lives. Attend but to these general Rules, Whatsoever Things are true, and the rest; and apply them to your particular Cases and Circumstances; and you will find it an excellent Expedient to keep your Consciences clear; and a Means to maintain your whole Conversation blameless.

Suppose, for Example, you are in doubt, whether you may lawfully do such or such an Action, bring your Doubt to this Touch-stone. Doth it not thwart with some of these Counsels here specified? Is it agreeable to what is true, or just, or honest, or chaste? Would there be anything in the doing of it, that would render thee Lovely, or make thee beloved, or well spoken of; or at least something that would not render thee hateful, or expose thee to the Reproach and ill Word of Men; or on the contrary, would it prove an Act to thee of good Report? And accordingly resolve thy own Case.

The Circumstances of Men's Lives are innumerable; and there will fall out very many Cases, wherein a Man will need some Counsel, some discreet Body to consult withal; whether it be lawful, or convenient, or expedient, to do so or so; to do such a Thing, or not to do it. Now, have Recourse to this Text; and impartially compare thy Case, and some of the Particulars of this Text together; and, with a little Pains, thou mayest pass a safe Judgment upon thy Case. Measure all thy Actions by this Scripture-Standard, and thou can'st not do amiss.

And as to indifferent Actions, wherein there would be no palpable Sin in the doing, or the not doing of them; What should a Man do in this Case? Here apply thy self

to the *προσφιλή* and the *εὖφημα*, *i.e.*, to the Things that will make thee beloved, and procure thee a good Report. Thy Act hath no downright Sin in it. But is it like to intrench upon thy good Name, or to open the Mouths of People against thee? Or again, it is no Sin, if thou shouldest do it. But is it Lovely? Would it not, if thou shouldest do it, expose thee rather to Hatred, or Contempt, or Censure, than reconcile any Love to thee? Thus, Dear Brethren, I heartily recommend this Place of Scripture to you for the assisting you to resolve yourselves in any Doubts or Scruples of Conscience, that you may at any Time happen upon.

IV. And Lastly, Let us be persuaded to think on these Things, according as the Apostle concludes. Oh! that we would all walk by this Rule. How sweetly among ourselves, how holily towards our God, should we Live! How blessed a Place would the World be! What a Paradise should we dwell in, if these Things were punctually observed by it! Oh! that we would be persuaded to streighten our crooked Natures by this Measure. Are not these most excellent Things in themselves, that we are exhorted to Think upon? To think upon them so effectually, as to make them our Study, our Delight and Practice? Do they not approve themselves to our Minds? Can we object anything against them? Or give any good Reason, why we should not follow after Truth, and Honesty and Justice and Purity, and Things that are Lovely and of good Report, and Vertuous, and Praise-worthy?

And why should our Passions and Infirmities, our foolish Humours, our extravagant Lusts, (that are such mean, such beastly Things) draw us away and govern us? Things which are but so many Excrescences, and Weeds, springing out of our corrupted, vitiated Natures. Oh! why should we let them hinder and stop us from the Practice of these Things, which would render us such excellent Men and

Women : To be beloved of God, and approved of Men ? For God's-sake, be not governed by the Instigations of the Evil Spirit, the Spirit that worketh in the Children of Disobedience : Suffer not yourselves to be such Brutes, as to be carried away by such base Things as Sense, Lust, Passion, Appetite ; when you have such Divine Guides here before you : I repeat them again, (the naming of which may reconcile a Love and Esteem of them) Truth, Honesty or Gravity, Justice and Purity, and the rest. And in short, let it appear in our After-Lives, how convinced we are of the Excellency of these divine Vertues that I have now set before you.

And now to conclude this, and all my former Discourses together, let me say something concerning myself ; and then to apply a Word or two to you, my Beloved Brethren in Christ.

As to my self ; I have been your Lecturer, now upwards of thirty-five Years : So long continued among you by the Long-suffering and Goodness of God. And I hope, I have been instrumental, according to my poor Ability, in building up, and confirming you, and others before you, in your Holy Faith. I dare not say, as St. Paul at his Farewel to his Ephesian Church : ' I have not shunned to declare unto you all the Counsel of God : '* But this I can say, that I have made it my Business to Preach the Word sincerely, and to declare to you the Counsel of God faithfully, as far as we have it revealed to us in the Gospel : Which with a due and careful Heed and Practice is able to save us, and to give us Inheritance with all those that are Sanctified.

And for that Purpose I have made it my Practice, to Preach plainly and practically, that all might understand, and that all might be edified.

And now my Address to you, my dear Brethren, is, First, to profess my Thankfulness to you for all the Favours and Obligations that I have received from you

* Acts xx. 27.

these many Years: And Praying God, the Father of Mercies, to return your good Will to me sevenfold into your Bosoms. And for which I shall always remember you in my Prayers.

And now I have nothing to add, but a few good Counsels to you, and some short Prayers for you. And all taken from our Holy Apostle at his taking Leave of his Churches.

I. 'Let us follow after the Things that make for Peace, and Things wherewith one may Edify another.'*

II. Another good Counsel I would leave with you is this, 'See that none render evil for evil; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all Men.'†

III. 'Finally, Brethren, Be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in Peace, and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you.'‡

'And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly: And I pray God, your whole Soul and Spirit and Body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'§

'Now Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father, who hath loved us, and given us everlasting Consolation and good Hope through Grace, comfort your Hearts and establish you in every good Word and Work.'||

'And now, Brethren, I commend you to God, and the Word of his Grace; which is able to build you up, and to give you an Inheritance among all them which are Sanctified.'¶

And to end all with the Repetition of the Apostle's weighty Words in the Text: 'Finally, Brethren, Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good

* Rom. xiv. 19. . . . † 1 Thess. v. 15.
§ 1 Thess. v. 27. . . . || 2 Thess. ii. 16.

‡ 2 Cor. xii. 11
¶ Acts xx. 32.

Report; if there be any Vertue, and if there be any Praise; think on these things.'

Mr. Geo. Smyth's Sermon Preach'd to the Societies for Reformation of Manners, at Salter's-Hall, 1727, June 26. London: Printed for Eman. Matthews, at the Bible in Pater-Noster-Row, 1727; with Dedication to Sir Daniel Dolins, Knt., dated Clapton, July 8th, 1727.

A letter to the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters at Hackney, amongst whom the Author now Statedly Ministers, with a Postscript To all others to whom he has formerly preached. By Philip Gibbs. The second Edition. London: Printed for Tho. Cox, at the Lamb, under the Royal-Exchange. 1737.

A Sermon Preach'd at the Parish-Church of St. John's, Hackney, on Tuesday, April 25, 1749, Being the day appointed for a Publick Thanksgiving for the Peace. By Robert Wright, D.D., Rector of Hackney and Chaplain to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Published at the Request of the Congregation. London: Printed for G. Hawkins, at Milton's Head, between the two Temple Gates, Fleet Street. Inscribed to the Worthy Parishioners of St. John's, Hackney.

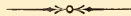
A Scriptural Investigation of the doctrine of Holy Places. A Sermon, &c., by Rev. H. H. Norris, Perpetual Curate of St. John's Chapel, Prebendary of St. Paul's and of Llandaff, and Chaplain to the Earl of Shaftesbury. 1829.

The Gifts of God to the Good. A Sermon preached in the Parish Church of St. John's, Hackney, on Sunday,

February 11, 1855, being the Sunday after the funeral of Joshua Watson, Esq., D.C.L., by Edward Churton, M.A., Archdeacon of Cleveland. London: Rivingtons. 1855. Inscribed to Joshua Watson Wagner and Henry Wagner. (Grandchildren of Joshua Watson).



Dr. Spurstowe.



DR. SPURSTOWE was son and heir of William Spurstowe, citizen and mercer of London. He was appointed Vicar of Hackney on 3 May, 1643. His successor was appointed Sep., 1662, Dr. Spurstowe not having conformed. He died 23 January, 1665. The almshouses surrendered by Henry Spurstowe in 1667 to trustees, had been newly built by Dr. Spurstowe. The charity having been extended of late, under the new scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners, especially to pensioners, and in affording assistance to Convalescents, we append a copy of the last treasurer's report as a matter of interest in relation to the parish of Hackney.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Trustees of the Rev. Dr.

THE TRUSTEES WITH

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Allowance to Six Almshouses :—						
Four Quarters at £25 each per Annum ...	150	0	0			
Extra for Nurses in Sickness	4	0	0			
Mr. Henry Baker's Gift at Christmas ...	6	0	0			
Medical Attendance, including Attendance on Bishop Wood's Almshouses	21	0	0			
Coals	8	19	1			
Gratuity, for Services, to Rev. J. W. Ken- worthy	10	10	0			
	<hr/>			200	9	1
Fire Insurance	0	13	0			
Rates, Taxes, and Water Rate	3	0	11			
Repairs	28	4	6			
Printing and Stationery	1	7	8			
	<hr/>			33	6	1
Rent of Garden, One Year	14	18	9			
Gardener, One Year	5	0	0			
	<hr/>			19	18	9
To Allowance to Bishop Wood's Almshouses :						
Ten at £16 each per Annum				160	0	0
To Annuity :—						
Twenty at £15 each per Annum				300	0	0
To Convalescent Committee :—						
Subscription to Homes	37	13	0			
Cost of sending Ninety-one Patients thereto	128	5	6			
Secretary's Salary, $\frac{3}{4}$ to Christmas	22	10	0			
	<hr/>			188	8	6
To Salaries :—						
C. R. Randall, Clerk	50	0	0			
H. Shaw, Surveyor	21	0	0			
W. J. Lee, Messenger	3	3	0			
Mrs. Brown, Attendant	1	1	0			
	<hr/>			75	4	0
To H. Shaw :—						
Commission on Collection of Ground Rents, £941 7s. 1d. at £5 per cent.	47	2	0			
Stamps and Stationery	2	8	0			
	<hr/>			49	10	0
				1026	16	5
To Balance at London and County Bank, Hackney Branch, on Current Account	512	9	0			
On Deposit Note	600	0	0			
	<hr/>			1112	9	0
				£2139	5	5

THOMAS LUCAS, *Treasurer.*

Spurstone's Charity, from 25 Mar., 1881, to 31st Jan., 1882.

THE TREASURER.

		Cr.		
		£	s.	d.
By Balance from Last Account			943 7 0
By Dividends, viz. :—				
One Year on £833 5s. 9d. Three per Cents. reduced	25	0	0
One Year on £950 New Three per Cents.	28	10	0
Ditto " £4300 ditto	129	0	0
Ditto " £1658 13s. 4d. Consols	49	15	2
Ditto " £1023 0s. 4d. ditto	30	13	10
Ditto " £200 Consols (Mr. Hy. Baker's Gift)	6	0	0
		268 19 0		
By Ground Rents	941	7	1
Less Income Tax allowed	21	14	1
		919 13 0		
By Interest on Deposit Note, per London and County Bank		7	6 5
		7 6 5		
		£	s.	d.
Year's Income	1195	18	5
Ditto Expenditure	1026	16	5
		£169 2 0		
		£2139 5 5		

March 3rd, 1882.—We have this day examined the foregoing Accounts, and find the same correct; leaving a Balance of £512 9s. on Current Account, and £600 on Deposit Note in favour of the Charity, as appears by the Banker's Pass Book.

Signed C. GREEN,
A. G. CHURCH, } Auditors.
HY. TAYLOR, }



Hackney Surnames.

THE following *jeu d'esprit* on local surnames appeared originally in the 'Hackney Magazine':—

If the Surnames in Hackney be read through with care,
There are certainly some will be found very rare :
Such as Bull, Buck, and Peacock, a Bond and a Freeman,
A Hogg and a Lyon, a Land-on and Seaman ;
A Hawke and a Partridge, a Swan and a Jay,
White, Callow, and Brown, Black, Green, and a Gray ;
A Monk and a Prior, a Pope and a King,
Some Bells and some Bowes, an Offor and Ring ;
A Grounds and an Arewater, Frost, Snow, and Hale,
Greenwood and Woodifield, Montaigne and Vale.
A Man and a Child, a Knight and a Day,
A Farmer and Squires, Heath, Oldfield and May ;
A Jackson, a Johnson, a Long and a Longman,
A Large and a Little, a Short and a Shortman.
An Archer and Bowman, a Shepherd and Crook,
A Fountain and Bowerbank, Arber and Brook ;
A Temple, a Hovell, a Street and a Church,
Thorowgood, Masters, Young, Children, and Birch.
A Dean and a Bishop, a Fox and a Guy,
Goode, Hogsflesh and Salmon, Dabbs, Bacon and Fry ;
Fatt, Cook, and a Kitching, a Gosling and Drake,
Keyes, Lock and Wards, Flint, Steel and a Rake.
Cave, Pitts, and a Hole, Wells, Bridges and Ford,
A Penny and Argent, and Riches and Ord ;
A Sargant and Banner, a Cannon and Major,—
That these names may be found we would bet any Wager.



The Latimer Pedigree.

THE following pedigree has been kindly corrected by Stephen Tucker, Esq., *Somerset Herald*. It possesses some interest from the fact that the Tomb of Lady Latimer, now in the north vestibule of Hackney Church, has been beautifully restored (and as completely as possible after the treatment it has received) at the expense of the Baroness Burdett Coutts. Our readers may recollect that in a previous volume we gave the pedigree of Lady Burdett Coutts, who is descended from Lucy Neville, daughter of Lady Latimer and Sir Wm. Cornwallis. The pedigree also possesses considerable interest from the great family of Neville having been so intimately connected with English history. In nothing is the effect of the lapse of time more apparent than in the difference between the Hackney of 300 years ago, the resort of the highest families of the realm, and the Hackney of the present day. The cluster of pretty villages has well-nigh disappeared, and in its place we see enormous numbers of comfortable dwellings of the middle classes of society. Still we may sometimes look back with regret on the vanished Hackney, with its select vestry and its church, of which in these pages we have endeavoured to preserve some

Memorials.

The Latimer Pedigree.

William Lo. Latimer, 2 R. I., in com. Ebor.

William Lo. Latimer, Shd. Ebor 39 H. III. and usq. 45 H. III. and 52 H. III. = Alice, sister and
 43 H. III. Esceat. Genl. thro' Engld., North Trent, a loyal Baron sub H. III. heir to Sr John
 = 54 H. III. Signed wth. ye + sed alibi ob. 53 H. III. Hansard, Knt.

William Baron Latimer, of Danby = Alice, d. and co-h. to Walter John Latimer, 2nd son, mar.
 in com. Ebor (confused?) by Baron Ledet, of Braybroke, who Christian, da. and co-h. of
 Dugdale wth. ye former Wm., brought her husband half ye Walter Baron Ledet, widow
 sub Ed. I., in ye Wars of Scot- Baron of Warden in com. North to Tho. Ld. Greley, ob.
 ld.; sumd. 29 Dec., 28 E. I. also ye moiety of ye Town and totm. 11 E. I.
 (1299), et postea, vocat senior, hundred of Corby. =
 ob. 33 E. I.

John, Robt, William Ld. Latimer, = Lucia, d. and co-h. Sr Nicholas Thomas Ld. Latimer,
 1 son, 3d son. Baron of Corby, sum. to Richd. or Robt. Le Latimer = etat. 12 an ad mort
 ob. de Thweng, coz and h. to Marmaduke (younger son), had patris; mar. Sibell
 vita patris, mar. Isabell, d. and h. to Simon de Sherestede. in ye Wars of Scotland 1 Ed. II., Gov. of Rochyngam Castle, in ye Wars of Scotld.; ob. 1 Ed. III.; m. 2dly Sibell, wid. to Wm. de Huntingfield.

Sr Nicholas Le Latimer (younger son), had lands in Bondeney, in Abb. de Pyrewell; dyed in Gascoigne. =
 †

Thomas Ld. Latimer, etat. 12 an ad mort patris; mar. Sibell, sister and co-h. to Sr Wm. Furneis. Seated at Braybrook in com. Notts. 18 E. II. called the Lo. Latimer Borchard; sum. Baron 29 Dec., 28 E. I. (1299) to 4 E. II.; ob. 8 E. III. =

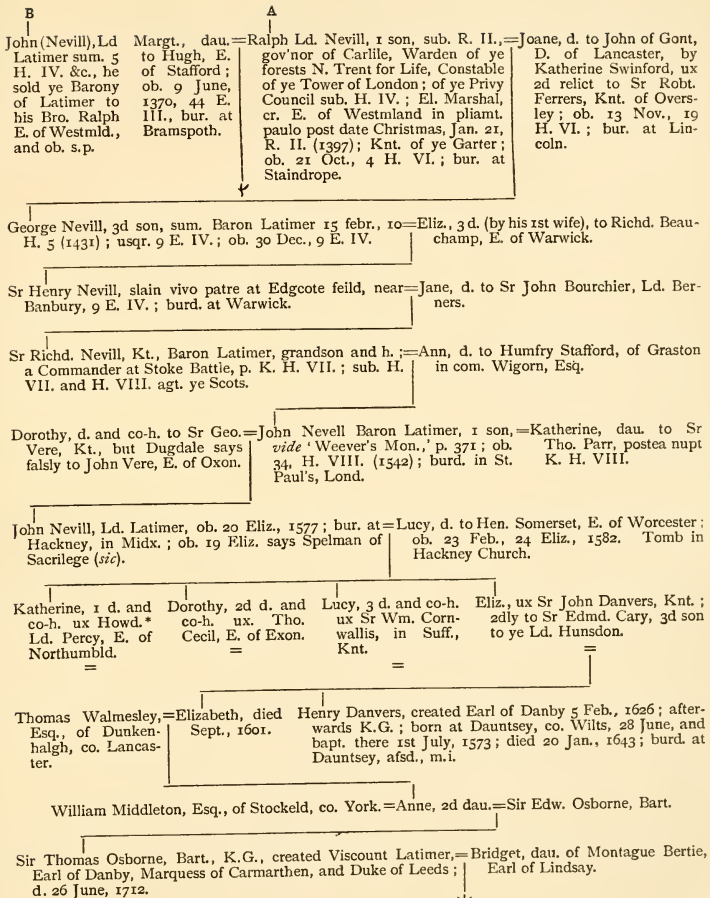
William Ld. Latimer, of = Elizabeth, d. to Sr Warine Latimer, Bannt., and in ye = Katherine,
 Corby, etat. 26 an ad John Botetort, Expedition in France 19 E. III.; d. John Ld.
 mort patr., sum. from mar. 2dly to ob. 13 Aug., 23 E. III., seized of Delaware.
 1 Ed. III. to 9; ob. 9 Robt. Ufford. Gothmonly and Langton in com. Leic., &c.

William Ld. Latimer, of Corby and Danby, etat. = Elizabeth, d. to Robert Latimer, John le La-
 6 an ad mort patr. sub E. III.; in ye Wars of France 28 E. III.; slew Charles de Bloys, 2d son, md. timer, in ye
 competitor for ye Dukedom of Brittany, in Joane, d. and Warrs of
 battle 44 E. III.; Gov'nor of St. Saviour's in co-h. to Sr Scotland,
 Normandy; Ld. Chamberlain of ye Household of Wm. Gowis. 9 E. III.
 and of ye Privy Council; sum. 42 E. III. to Apr., 7 R. II. =
 3 R. II.; ob. 28 May, 4 R. II. †

Maud, dau. to Henry, = John Ld. Nevill, of = Elizabeth, da. and h., mar. 2dly Sr Robt. Willough-
 Lord Percy, 1st wife. Raby, 1 mar. by; Eliz. etat. 24 and 4 R. II., ad mort pat.

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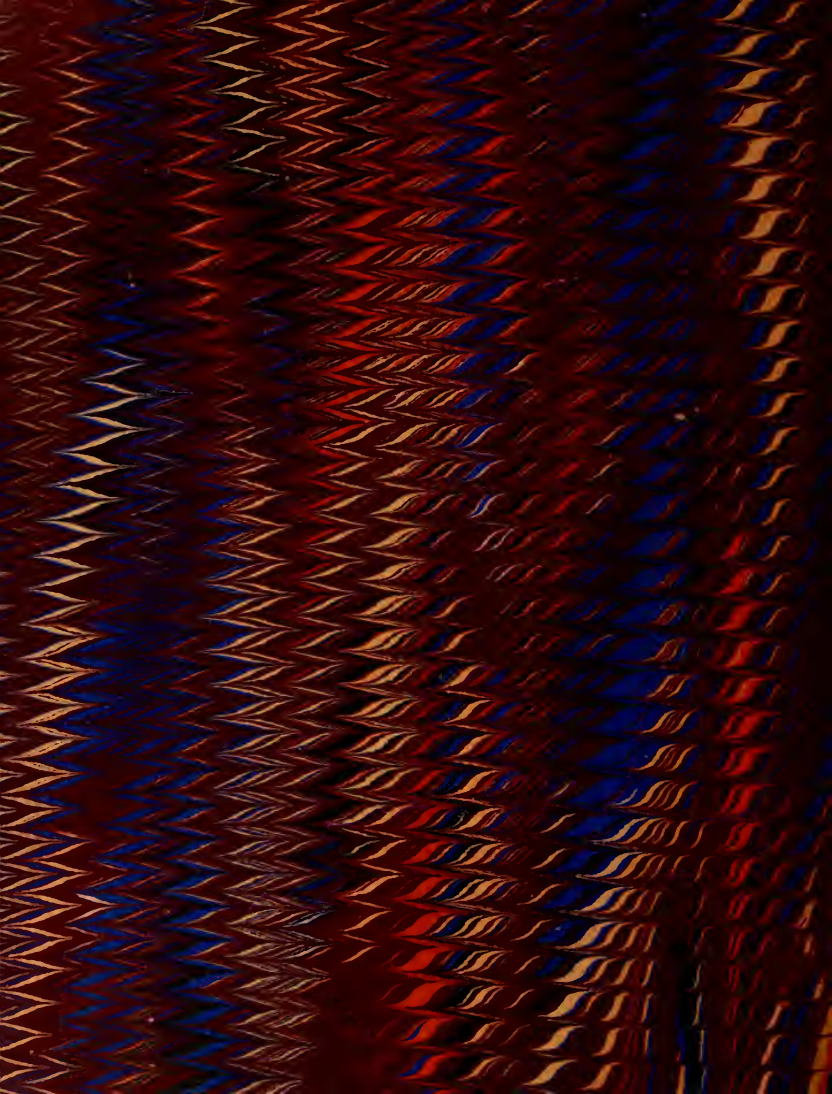


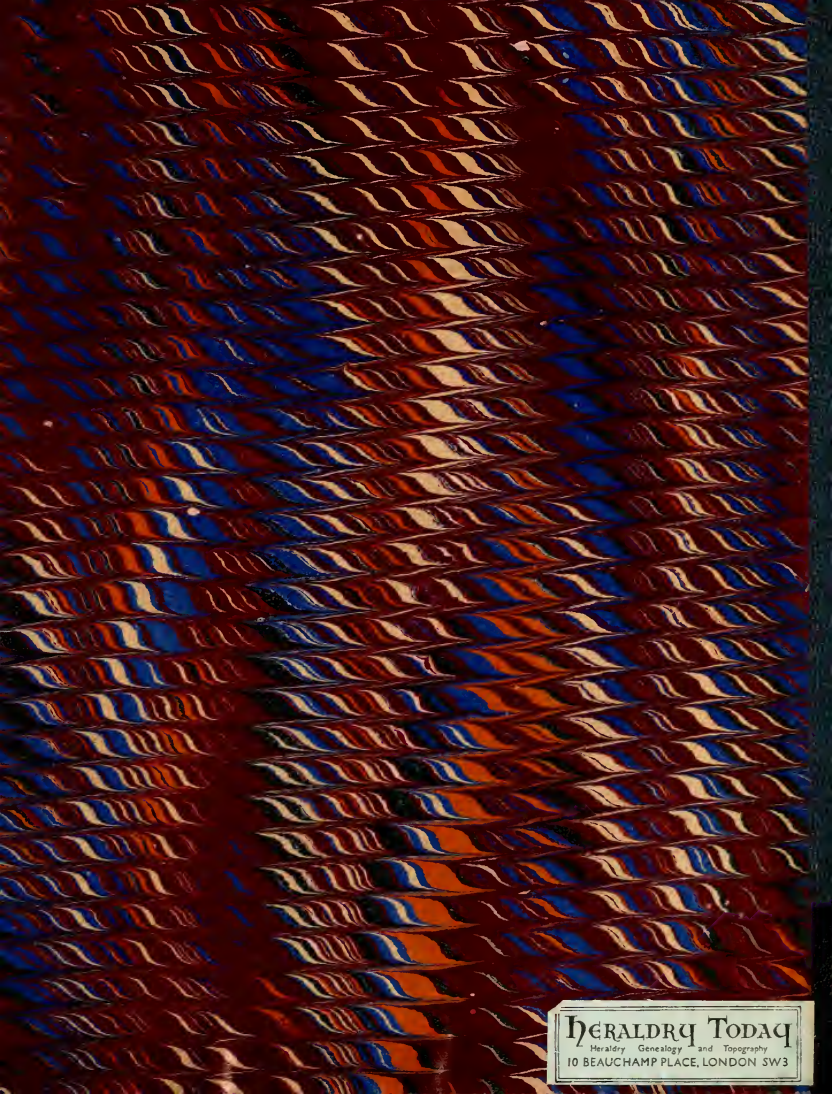
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